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**National Highway  
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NVS-215  
05V-476

**Subject: TOWING PIGTAIL WIRES/BRAKE LIGHTS**

Dear MR. VANDERMOLLEN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
JAYCO/ESCAPADE/2003-2006  
JAYCO/GREYHAWK/2003-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-476

**Mfg's Report Date:** October 7, 2005

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 237

**Summary:**  
CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES BUILT ON CHEVROLET C3500 (EXPRESS) CUTAWAY CHASSIS HAVE A TOWING PIGTAIL THAT WILL NOT SHOW BRAKE LIGHTS ON THE TOWED VEHICLE IF HOOKED TO THE TOWING PIGTAIL.

**Consequence:**  
THIS CONDITION COULD RESULT IN A CRASH, INJURY OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REWIRE THE TOWING PIGTAIL WIRES TO INCLUDE THE BRAKE LIGHT CIRCUIT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT JAYCO AT 1-800-283-8267.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during October or November 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

*for Patricia Wallace*  
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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement