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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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SAVANNAH GA 31415

NVS-215
05V-493

Subject: TRAILER SUSPENSION/TRAILER WANDERS

Dear MR. LANGENFELD:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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:

GREAT DANE/TRAILER/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-493

Mfg's Report Date: October 19, 2005

Components: SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 650

Summary:

ON CERTAIN VAN AND REFRIGERATED SEMI-TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH TUTHILL SUSPENSIONS, MODEL 20/22AR AND RS3162, THE BEAM/AXLE PIVOT CONNECTION JOINT IS MIS-ALIGNED CAUSING EXCESSIVE PLAY WITH THE TRAILER ALLOWING THE TRAILER TO WANDER.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE TRAILER WANDER A VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR WITHOUT NOTICE.

Remedy:

GREAT DANE IS WORKING WITH TUTHILL TO NOTIFY THE OWNERS OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES AND PROVIDE FREE REMEDY. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT TUTHILL AT 800-753-0025 OR GREAT DANE AT 912-644-2100.

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:

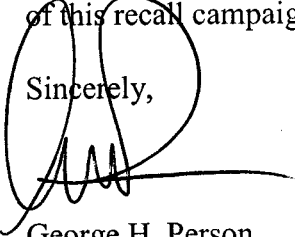
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

Please provide the date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

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. Also, 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).

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 or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement