



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

November 21, 2005

MELANIE STONE
COTTRELL, INC.
2125 CANDLER ROAD
GAINESVILLE GA 30507

NVS-215
05V-534

Subject: ROOF BRACKETS

Dear MS. STONE:

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:
COTTRELL/C-9ENC/2004-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-534

Mfg's Report Date: November 16, 2005

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 38

Summary:

ON CERTAIN CAR HAUL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH ROOFS THAT RAISE AND LOWER, THE ROOF IS ATTACHED TO A RAISING/LOWERING MECHANISM BY BRACKETS THAT ARE FASTENED TO THE ROOF. THESE BRACKETS MAY EXPERIENCE HIGH STRESS DURING THE PROCESS OF SEATING THE ROOF IN THE DOWN POSITION, AND THAT THE FASTENERS USED TO SECURE THE ROOF TO THE BRACKETS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THOSE STRESSES.

Consequence:

THE ROOF MIGHT SEPARATE FROM THE TRAILER AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPAIR ALL FOUR CORNERS OF THE HEAD-RAMP AND THE TRAILER. ALL THREE CUSTOMERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND 36 OUT OF 38 TRAILERS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT COTTRELL AT 770-532-7251.

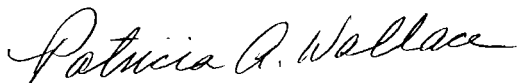
Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-5153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

As stated in your defect report, three customers are involved and they have been notified. Trailers are now being repaired with only two trailers left to be remedied. Please let us know when the other two trailers are repaired so that we can count this recall as 100% completed.

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,



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