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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-556

Subject: HITCH RECEIVER MISSING REINFORCEMENT PLATE

Dear MR. VANDERMOLLEN:

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 information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

JAYCO/ESCAPADE/2004-2005
JAYCO/GRANITE RIDGE/2004-2005
JAYCO/GREYHAWK/2004-2005
STARCRAFT/AMBIENT/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-556

Mfg's Report Date: December 9, 2005

Components: TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,878

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES, THE HITCH RECEIVER MAY HAVE MISSING REINFORCING PLATES. WHEN A LOAD IS APPLIED TO THE HITCH, IT MAY BECOME PARTIALLY DETACHED FROM THE FRAME IF THESE PLATES ARE MISSING.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION, IF NOT ADDRESSED, COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE REINFORCING PLATES WITH NEW HARDWARE FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT JAYCO AT 1-800-283-8267.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

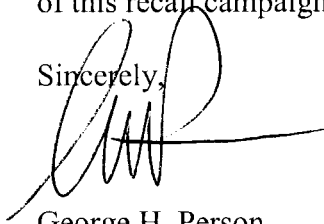
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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.

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