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October 20, 2005

Associated Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

05V-508
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Re: Tuthill Transport Technologies Recall No. 0509-Certain models 20/22 AR and RS 3162 Trailer Suspensions

Stoughton Trailers, LLC has been advised by Tuthill Transport Technologies (Tuthill) of a defect associated with trailer suspensions Models 20/22 and RS3162 shipped from February 18, 2004 through September 22, 2005, requiring a voluntary safety recall campaign. As a result, Stoughton Trailers, LLC has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the item of motor vehicle equipment described below and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR part 573. "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This notification relates to Tuthill Recall No. 0509:

1. The name of the trailer manufacturer equipped with these suspensions, is Stoughton Trailers, LLC, and the products are sold under the "Stoughton" brand name.
2. The items of equipment containing a defect are the fifty-three foot (53') aluminum smooth side van trailers equipped with the suspensions manufactured by Tuthill. A list of the relevant part numbers of the trailers is enclosed as Attachment A. The inclusive dates of manufacture of the trailers potentially equipped with the affected part, is February 18, 2004 through September 22, 2005.
3. The total number of trailers manufactured equipped with this suspension and sold by Stoughton Trailers, LLC in the U.S. during the relevant time period was seventy-two (72) units.

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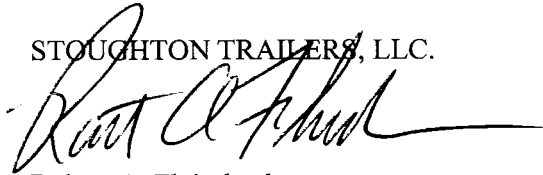
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608/873-2500 ■ FAX: 608-873-2575

4. Tuthill has determined that a mis-assembled beam/axle pivot connection joint will result in excessive play, which may be evident upon visual inspection at any beam/axle pivot connection.
5. Stoughton has received no reports of any accidents or injuries in North America associated with this defect.
6. The program for providing remedy without charge for the defect is set forth in the enclosed Tuthill Safety Recall Notice. Please see Attachment B.
7. Owner notification will commence as soon as approved by NHTSA. A draft copy of the proposed recall notice to trailer purchasers, fleet and end users has been provided by Tuthill to NHTSA and a copy is enclosed as Attachment C. Please provide this approval at your earliest convenience.
8. Stoughton has accepted Tuthill's offer to submit on its behalf, the quarterly reports to NHTSA associated with this recall.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

STOUGHTON TRAILERS, LLC.



Robert A. Fleischacker
General Counsel and Secretary

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Encl.

Cc: Wayne Powell, Recall Communications Tuthill Transport Technologies, with encls.

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ATTACHMENT

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Order Numbers Shipped before Recall Notice without rework to suspensions

18523, Total (10) units. All 10 units sold to Trailer Sales

5700 Arbor Rd. Lindon, NE 68517

18523-01	1DW1A53256S852301
18523-02	1DW1A53276S852302
18523-03	1DW1A53296S852303
18523-04	1DW1A53206S852304
18523-05	1DW1A53226S852305
18523-06	1DW1A53246S852306
18523-07	1DW1A53266S852307
18523-08	1DW1A53286S852308
18523-09	1DW1A532X6S852309
18523-10	1DW1A53266S852310

18587, Total (15) units. All units sold to Brass Leasing, Inc.

2551 East Livingston St. Springfield, MO 65803

18587-01	1DW1A53276S858701
18587-02	1DW1A53296S858702
18587-03	1DW1A53206S858703
18587-04	1DW1A53226S858704
18587-05	1DW1A53246S858705
18587-06	1DW1A53266S858706
18587-07	1DW1A53286S858707
18587-08	1DW1A532X6S858708
18587-09	1DW1A53216S858709
18587-10	1DW1A53286S858710
18587-11	1DW1A532X6S858711
18587-12	1DW1A53216S858712
18587-13	1DW1A53236S858713
18587-14	1DW1A53256S858714
18587-15	1DW1A53276S858715

Continued: Earlier Order

18658, Total (10) units. All sold to Trailer Sales

18658-01	1DW1A53226S865801
18658-02	1DW1A53246S865802
18658-03	1DW1A53266S865803
18658-04	1DW1A53286S865804
18658-05	1DW1A532X6S865805
18658-06	1DW1A53216S865806
18658-07	1DW1A53236S865807
18658-08	1DW1A53256S865808
18658-09	1DW1A53276S865809
18658-10	1DW1A53236S865810

The following three orders are recent orders and most of the units were reworked before shipment to customer.

18880, Total (10) units. All sold to Brass Leasing. All units were reworked by Tuthill on 10/04 & 10/05 before shipment to customer.

18880-01	1DW1A53286S888001
18880-02	1DW1A532X6S888002
18880-03	1DW1A53216S888003
18880-04	1DW1A53236S888004
18880-05	1DW1A53256S888005
18880-06	1DW1A53276S888006
18880-07	1DW1A53296S888007
18880-08	1DW1A53206S888008
18880-09	1DW1A53226S888009
18880-10	1DW1A53296S888010

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The following Order 18893, Total of (15) units. All sold to Overland Carriers. (Trailer Sales)

The first nine (9) units were delivered before we received the Recall Notice. The dealer has been advised of the recall. Tuthill to rework the nine units at the customers' location.

18893-01	1DW1A53236S889301
18893-02	1DW1A53256S889302
18893-03	1DW1A53276S889303
18893-04	1DW1A53296S889304
18893-05	1DW1A53206S889305
18893-06	1DW1A53226S889306
18893-07	1DW1A53246S889307
18893-08	1DW1A53266S889308
18893-09	1DW1A53286S889309

The following six (6) units of this order were reworked by Tuthill personnel at Plant 6 on 10/18/05.

18893-10	1DW1A53246S889310
18893-11	1DW1A53266S889311
18893-12	1DW1A53286S889312
18893-13	1DW1A532X6S889313
18893-14	1DW1A53216S889314
18893-15	1DW1A53236S889315

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The following Order 18911, Total 12 units. All sold to POLMAX TRUCKING, INC. 2130 West 163rd St. Markham, IL 60426

All twelve (12) units were delivered before we received the Recall Notice. Tuthill personnel going to the customers' location to rework the units.

18911-01	1DW1A53256S891101
18911-02	1DW1A53276S891102
18911-03	1DW1A53296S891103
18911-04	1DW1A53206S891104
18911-05	1DW1A53226S891105
18911-06	1DW1A53246S891106
18911-07	1DW1A53266S891107
18911-08	1DW1A53286S891108
18911-09	1DW1A532X6S891109
18911-10	1DW1A53266S891110
18911-11	1DW1A53286S891111
18911-12	1DW1A532X6S891112

ATTACHMENT

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1205 Industrial Park Drive
Mount Vernon, MO, USA 65712
Tel 417 466-2178 Fax 417 466-3964
www.tuthill.com

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

October 14, 2005

This will serve as a follow up to our Safety Recall Notice for Recall No. 0509. Attached for your convenience is a summary letter, our 573-Defect Report, and pertinent exhibits. We apologize for the inconvenience but please know we have undertaken this recall effort in the interests of safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your cooperation.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. 573, you are required to submit your 573-Defect Report to NHTSA within five days. Please forward the report to:

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C.
fax 202.366.7882

You are required to notify dealers and trailer owners. We have also attached sample draft letters for your convenience. Please know your customer letter must be submitted to and approved by NHTSA prior to sending to the customer.

As you know, you and we are required to provide follow-up quarterly reports to NHTSA. Tuthill offers to submit your quarterly reports for you. If you decide that Tuthill will submit your quarterly reports, please so indicate in your 573-Defect Report.

Thank you again for your patience and cooperation. If you have questions, please call direct to my desk, (800) 753-1080.

Wayne Powell
Recall Communications
Tuthill Transport Technologies

Christopher P. Batz, VP Engineering
Tuthill Transport Technologies

October 5, 2005

Via Facsimile (202) 366-7882

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: Tuthill Transport Technologies Recall No. 0509 – Certain Models 20/22 AR and RS3162 Trailer Suspensions – Beam/Axle Pivot Connection Joint

Summary

- Tuthill Transport Technologies Action – Tuthill Transport Technologies providing notification of a potential safety issue involving trailer suspensions, Models 20/22 and RS3162, shipped from February 18, 2004 through September 22, 2005. Even though we have identified only a handful of field issues out of thousands, we will retrofit all suspensions.
- Number of Units Involved: 2641
- Affect on Unit Operation: A mis-assembled beam/axle pivot connection joint will result in excessive play, which may be evident upon a visual inspection at any beam/axle pivot connection (Exhibit A). Also, this will especially be apparent during braking and acceleration. A truck driver will notice wandering of the trailer caused by mis-alignment of one axle to the other. Any driver experiencing this should pull over as soon as possible and have a service technician check the integrity of the pivot joints.
- Service Procedure: Tuthill Transport Technologies will dispatch trained personnel to dis-assemble and then re-assemble the beam/axle pivot connection. We will use a chamfer on the Rey-Align® washers and Rey-Align® Assemblies to retrofit the assembly of the beam/axle pivot connection joint. All units will be "reworked," (Exhibit B) and those needing further work will be "repaired." (Exhibit C). A separate remedy will be utilized for Great Dane trailers. (Exhibit D).

Attached is the detailed information required by the applicable portions of 49 CFR Part 573 – Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report.

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Batz
Attachment

cc: Mr. Jon White (via fax - 202-366-7882)
Chief, Defects and Recall Information Analysis Division

49 CFR PART 573 - DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
TUTHILL TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGIES RECALL NO. 0509 - CERTAIN MODELS 20/22 AR AND RS3162
TRAILER SUSPENSIONS - BEAM/AXLE PIVOT CONNECTION JOINT

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Tuthill Transport Technologies submits the following Defect and Non-Compliance Information Report:

573.6(c)(1) – Item Manufacturer’s Name

Tuthill Transport Technologies
2715 Industrial Park Drive
Mt. Vernon, Missouri 65712
Brand Name or Trademark: ReycoGranning

573.6(c)(2) – Potentially Affected Items

The items affected are trailer suspension Models 20/22 AR and RS3162, shipped from February 18, 2004 through September 22, 2005. The beam/axle pivot connection joint is an integrated part of the suspension system and is comprised of multiple parts and multiple part numbers (see attached Exhibits). The recall population has been determined through evaluation of the assembly process of the beam/axle pivot connection and evaluation of an engineering change.

573.6(c)(2)(v) – Manufacturers that Purchase this component

Aurora Parts
500 South Enterprise Boulevard
Lebanon, IN 46052
(765) 483-5600

Bluegrass Tank
207 Peterson Drive
Elizabethtown, KY 42701
(270) 737-1006

CL Bryant Inc.
237 Whitmore
Modesto, CA 95358
(209) 847 - 0261
(209) 874 - 1310
(209) 467 - 7600

Fleet Pride
2913 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Fleet Pride Southwest
P.O. Box 9156
Corpus Christi, TX 78469
(361) 883-4358

Great Dane Limited Partnership
2555 South Blue Island Avenue
Chicago, IL 60608
(773) 254-5533

Great Dane Trailers
290 West Mallory Avenue
Memphis, TN 38109
(901) 261-5411

Hyundai Translead
8880 Rio San Diego Drive #600
San Diego, CA 92108
(619) 574-1500

Lufkin Industries
601 South Raguett
Lufkin, TX 75902
(936) 634-2211

Polar Custom Trailer
4825 East Kearney
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 862-5526

Seneca Corporation
5585 NE 16th Street
Des Moines, IA 50313
(800) 362-2910

Stoughton Trailers Inc.
416 South Academy Street
Stoughton, WI 53589
(608) 873-2500

Strick Corporation
301 North Polk
Monroe, IN 46772
(260) 692-6121

Tuthill Transport Technologies
241 South Service Road
Grimsby, ON L3M 1Y7 Canada
(800) 811-4011

Wabash National Corporation
1000 Sagamore Parkway South
Lafayette, IN 47905
(765) 771-5300

Weld-It Company
4477 Sheila
Los Angeles, CA 90023
(323) 263-7524

573.6(c)(3) – Total Number of Items

Approximately 2641 trailer suspensions were shipped during the relevant time period.

573.6(c)(4) – Estimated Percentage of Affected Items with the Defect Condition

The estimated percentage of affected items with the defect condition is unknown.

573.6(c)(5) – Description of the Defect

A mis-assembled beam/axle pivot connection joint will result in excessive play, which may be evident upon a visual inspection at any beam/axle pivot connection (Exhibit A). Also, this will especially be apparent during braking and acceleration. A truck driver will notice wandering of the trailer caused by mis-alignment of one axle to the other. The trailer suspensions shipped before and after those in the recall population do not suffer this potential condition.

573.6(c)(6) – Chronology of Events

Tuthill Transport Technologies has received reports of trailer axle mis-alignment on trailers recently put into service. Investigations and inspections regarding reported trailers revealed loose beam/axle pivot connection joints and mis-assembly of the components of which these joints are comprised. Two warranty claims have been received relating to the beam axle pivot connection joint. As a result, we feel it is in the best interest of customer safety that we take this action.

573.6(c)(8)(i) – Service Program

To remedy this issue, Tuthill Transport Technologies will:

- Rework each unit with the new chamfered washer, a chamfered Rey-Align[®] Assembly and Rey-Align[®] washer, with the goal to retrofit, as possible, every beam/axle pivot bolt connection joint (4 per unit) by March 31, 2006;
- Repair all parts associated with the beam/axle pivot bolt connection joint that show signs of wear by March 31, 2006; and,
- Align all units immediately subsequent to the rework or repair.

All units will be "reworked," (Exhibit B) and those needing further work will be "repaired." (Exhibit C). A separate remedy will be utilized for Great Dane trailers. (Exhibit D). To achieve this, Tuthill Transport Technologies is deploying sixteen teams equipped with parts and tools to rework or repair as required all units at:

- Each of the listed trailer manufacturers (OEs) by November 14, 2005;
- Each of the OE's fleet customers who has a concentration of units on-site by December 4, 2005
 - To rework or repair all installed units that can be contained; and
 - Train the maintenance staff on how to perform the rework or repair on units that could not be serviced while our teams were present. We expect that all remaining units will be addressed by March 31, 2006.
- Each of the OE's dealers and distributors with inventory on-site by December 4, 2005
 - To rework or repair all installed that can be contained; and
 - Train the maintenance staff on how to perform the rework or repair on units that could not be serviced while our teams were present. We expect that all remaining units will be addressed by March 31, 2006.

Tuthill Transport Technologies will use its own resources to rework or repair every affected trailer that is available at the OEs, dealers, distributors and fleets. For those affected trailers that are unable to be repaired by Tuthill personnel, Tuthill Transport Technologies will provide kits free of charge and will reimburse pre-authorized labor expenses performed by OEs, dealers, distributors, fleets and service centers as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Labor Allowance</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Rework Kit	Free	2012
Labor Effort for Rework Kit	\$100.00	3/31/2006
Labor Effort for Repair Kit	\$100.00	3/31/2006

If required, and after pre-approval by Tuthill Transport Technologies, parts required to replace other suspension components damaged by the loosened pivot bolt connection joints will be provided free of charge and labor expenses required to perform this work will be reimbursed through March 31, 2006. Those who incurred costs prior to notification of this recall shall be reimbursed under Tuthill Transport Technologies' product warranty.

573.6(c)(8)(ii) – Service Program

Tuthill Transport Technologies anticipates sending notifications to owners beginning October 10, 2005. The mailing effort should be completed by October 21, 2005.

573.6(c)(9) – Notice Letters

Copies of the notification letters to the affected OEs, dealers, distributors and fleet owners will be provided to the Agency as soon as those notices are available.

573.6(c)(11) – Campaign Number

Tuthill Transport Technologies has assigned campaign number 0509 to this action.

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE - TRAILER MANUFACTURERS

TO: TRAILER MANUFACTURERS (OEs)

**SUBJECT: TUTHILL TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGIES RECALL NO. 0509 -
CERTAIN MODELS 20/22AR AND RS3162 TRAILER SUSPENSIONS -
BEAM/AXLE PIVOT CONNECTION JOINT**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Tuthill Transport Technologies has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in trailer suspension models 20/22AR and RS3162, shipped from February 18, 2004 through September 22, 2005. Specifically, a mis-assembled beam/axle pivot connection joint will result in excessive play, which may be evident upon a visual inspection at any beam/axle pivot connection. (Exhibit A). Also, this will especially be apparent during braking and acceleration. A truck driver will notice wandering of the trailer caused by misalignment of one axle to the other.

INVOLVED OEs

OEs possessing trailer suspensions within the recall population have been identified from Tuthill records. You possess one or more affected trailers. OEs will be notified by Tuthill representatives. Please know this matter is **URGENT**.

WHAT WE WILL DO/SERVICE PROGRAM

Tuthill will dispatch trained personnel to disassemble and then reassemble the beam/axle pivot connection. Specifically, Tuthill will:

- Rework each unit with the new chamfered washer, a chamfered Rey-Align® Assembly and Rey-Align® washer, with the goal to retrofit, as possible, every beam/axle pivot bolt connection joint (4 per unit) by March 31, 2006; and
- Repair all parts associated with the beam/axle pivot bolt connection joint that show signs of wear by March 31, 2006.

All units will be "reworked," (Exhibit B) and those needing further work will be "repaired." (Exhibit C). To achieve this, Tuthill Transport Technologies is deploying sixteen teams equipped with parts and tools to rework or repair as required all units at:

- Each of the listed trailer manufacturers (OEs) by November 14, 2005;
- Each of the OE's fleet customers who has a concentration of units on-site by December 4, 2005

- To rework or repair all installed units that can be contained; and
- Train the maintenance staff on how to perform the rework or repair on units that could not be serviced while our teams were present. We expect that all remaining units will be addressed by March 31, 2006.
- Each of the OE's dealers and distributors with inventory on-site by December 4, 2005
 - To rework or repair all installed that can be contained; and
 - Train the maintenance staff on how to perform the rework or repair on units that could not be serviced while our teams were present. We expect that all remaining units will be addressed by March 31, 2006.

Tuthill will use its own resources to rework or repair every affected trailer that is available at the OEs, dealers, distributors and fleets. For those affected trailers that are unable to be repaired by Tuthill personnel, Tuthill will provide kits free of charge and will reimburse pre-authorized labor expenses performed by OEs, dealers, distributors, fleets and service centers as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Labor Allowance</u>	<u>Duration</u>
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If required, and after pre-approval by Tuthill, parts required to replace other suspension components damaged by the loosened pivot bolt connection joints will be provided free of charge and labor expenses required to perform this work will be reimbursed through March 31, 2006. Those who incurred costs prior to notification of this recall shall be reimbursed under Tuthill's product warranty.

COMPLETION REPORTING AND REIMBURSEMENT

Claims for work performed by you rather than Tuthill representatives must be pre-authorized. Claims for pre-authorized work may then be submitted to Tuthill Transport Technologies, Attention: Customer Service, 1205 Industrial Park Drive, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712, or by telephone at (800) 753-0025. Should parts and labor related to replacement of other suspension components be required, those claims may be submitted in the same manner. Additionally, said work must be approved by Tuthill.

If the trailer is not available for service for a known reason, please inform us by letter at the above-referenced address, or by telephone at (800) 753-0025. Also, to assist us in locating all trailers, we request that you forward contact information for subsequent owners or those in possession of trailers.

IMPORTANT:

This safety recall is being conducted pursuant to the regulations of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Each trailer suspension must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time. This notice requires you to hold and not release any trailers until the defect in each is

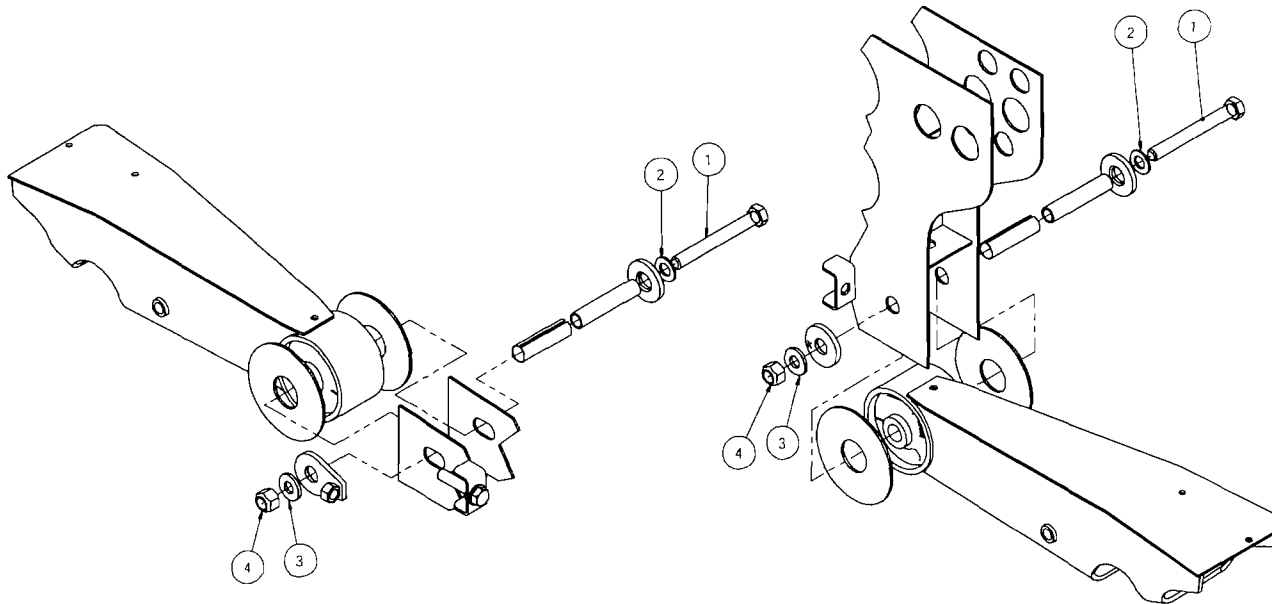
remedied. **Please be advised that it is a violation of Federal law to release any trailer that has not been reworked or repaired in accordance with this recall. 49 C.F.R. 577.13(b).**

Thank you for your attention and your cooperation in connection with this safety recall. We are sorry for this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interests of safety and continued satisfaction with our products. Should you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Tuthill Customer Service at (800) 753-0025.

Tuthill Transport Technologies

GREAT DANE UPDATE KIT # K705979				
ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY. PER PIVOT CONNECTION	QTY. PER KIT
1	23286-02	BOLT, 7/8-14UNF-2A x 7.5 LONG, GRADE 8	1	4
2	T-7292	WASHER (7/8)	1	4
3	23952-01	DISC SPRING WASHER (7/8 ID)	1	4
4	14345-01	LOCK NUT - 7/8-14UNF-2B, CLASS C	1	4

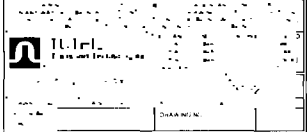
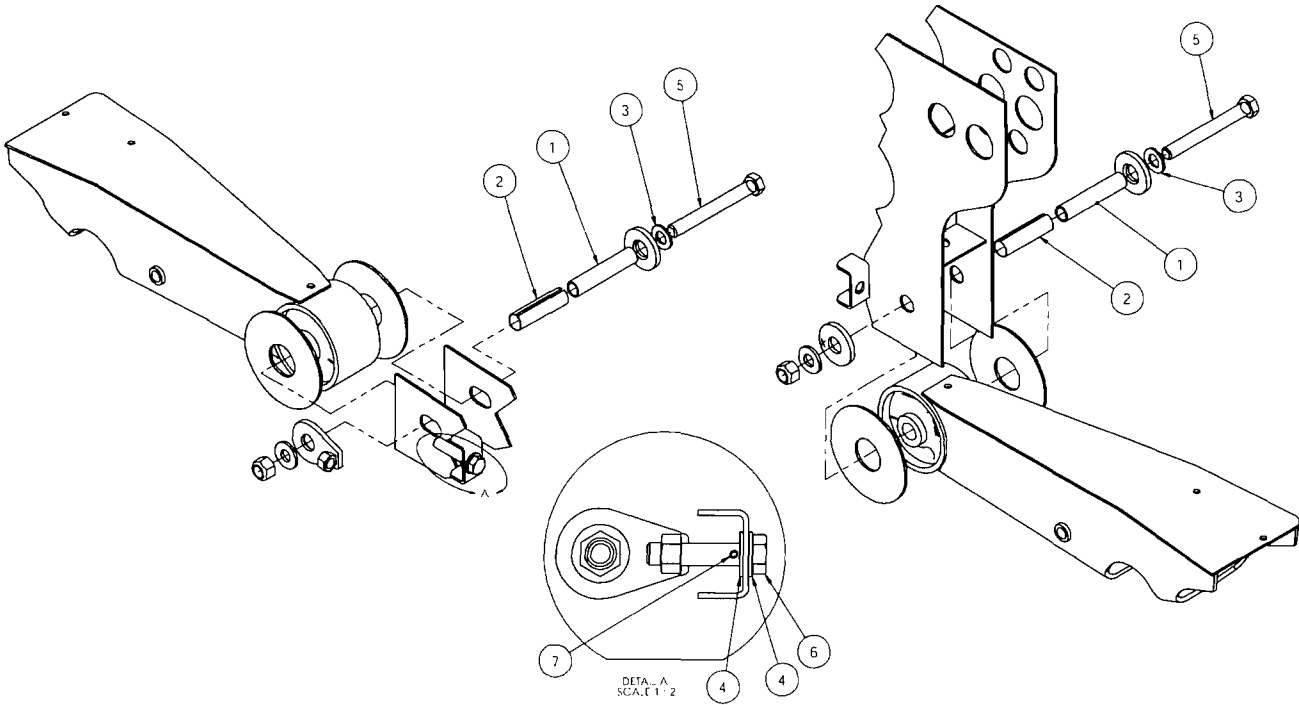
NOTE: ONE UPDATE KIT REQUIRED PER SUSPENSION



TITLE:	
DRAWN:	
PART NUMBER: K705979	
DRAWING:	

REPAIR KIT # K705970			
ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY. PER KIT
1	23674-02	PIVOT SHAFT TUBE	2
2	23432-02	SLEEVE COVER (4.375)	2
3	T-7292	WASHER (7/8)	2
4	20852-01	WASHER (3/4)	2
5	23286-02	BOLT - 7/8-14UNF-2A x 7.5 LONG, GRADE 8	2
6	24398-01	REY-ALIGN ADJUSTMENT SHAFT	1
7	24453-01	COILED SPRING PIN	1

NOTES: 1) FOR REPAIR, REWORK KIT K705971 IS ALSO REQUIRED
 2) ONE REPAIR KIT REQUIRED PER AXLE



REWORK KIT # K705971

ITEM NO.	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	QTY. PER PIVOT CONNECTION		QTY. PER KIT
			ADJUSTABLE	NON-ADJUSTABLE	
1	23656-02	REY-ALIGN FLANGE WASHER	1	2	6
2	23673-02	REY-ALIGN ASSEMBLY	1	0	2
3	23952-01	DISC SPRING WASHER (7/8 ID)	1	1	4
4	14345-01	LOCK NUT - 7/8-14UNF-2B, CLASS C	1	1	4

NOTE: ONE KIT REQUIRED PER SUSPENSION

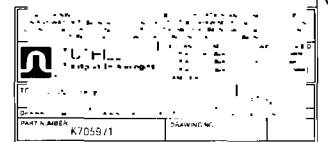
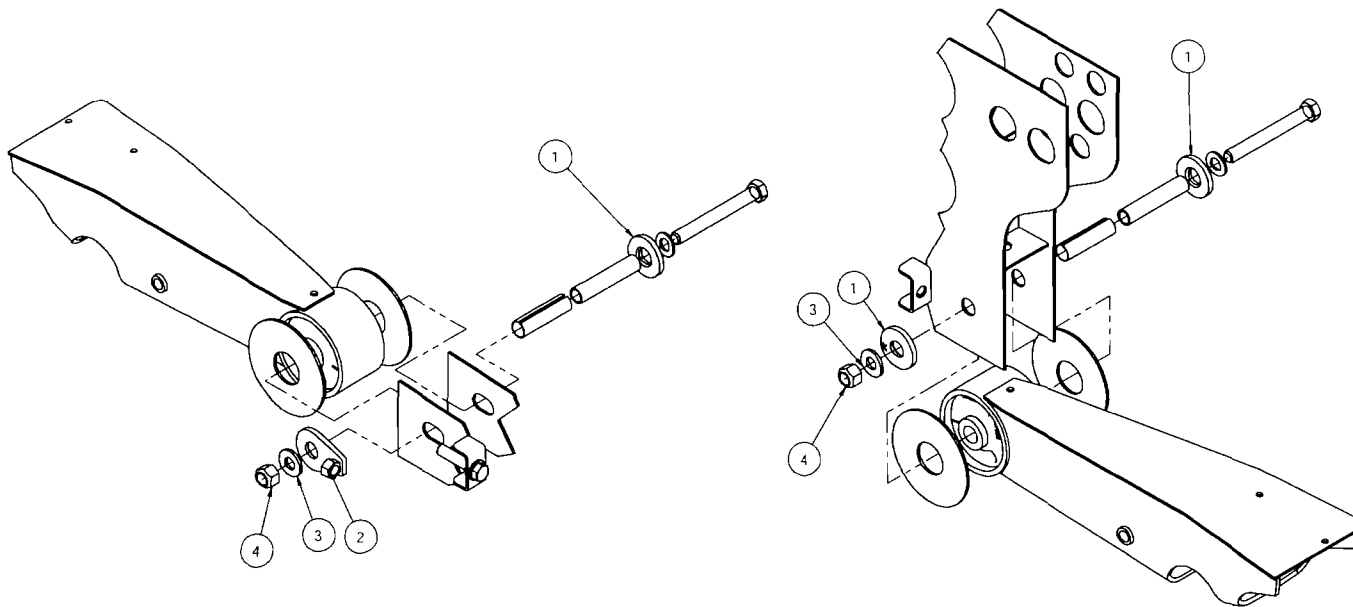
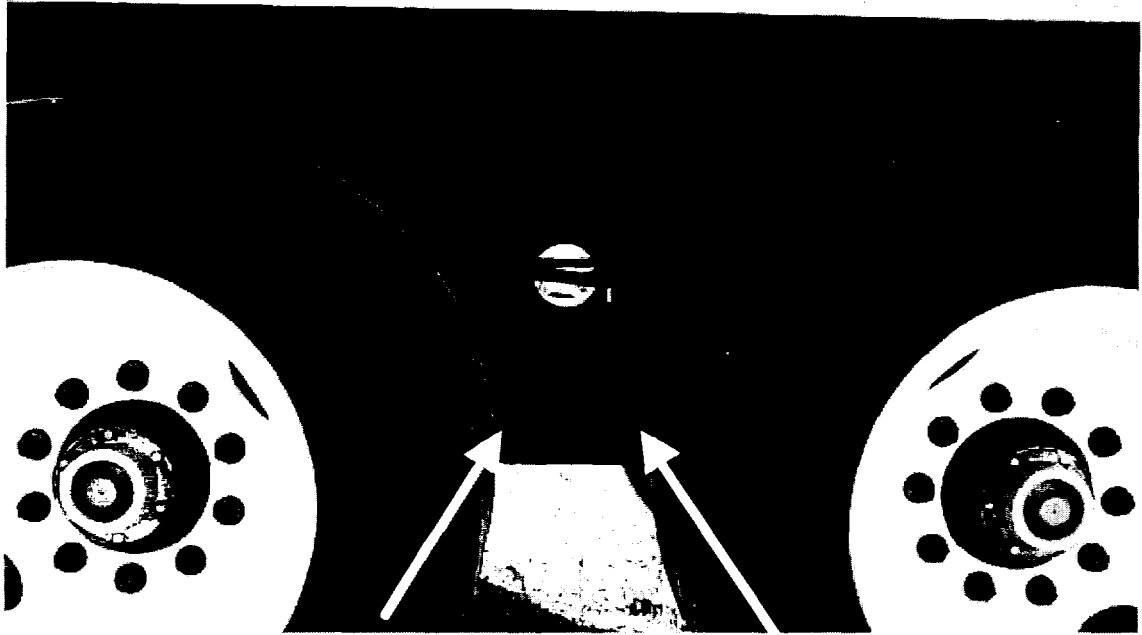


EXHIBIT A



ATTACHMENT

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SAFETY RECALL NOTICE - TRAILER OWNER

TO: TRAILER OWNER

**SUBJECT: TUTHILL TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGIES RECALL NO. 0509 -
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Your trailer is affected. Accordingly, we ask that you arrange for service to correct the condition without delay. This matter is **URGENT**. The defect will be remedied at no cost to you.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Tuthill will use trained personnel to disassemble and then reassemble the beam/axle pivot connection. All units will be "reworked," and those needing further work will be "repaired." To achieve this, Tuthill Transport Technologies is deploying teams equipped with parts and tools to rework or repair as required all units at trailer manufacturers and fleets. Tuthill will use its own resources to rework or repair every affected trailer that is available at the OEs, dealers, distributors and fleets.

For those affected trailers that are unable to be repaired by Tuthill personnel, Tuthill will provide kits free of charge and will reimburse pre-authorized labor expenses performed by OEs, dealers, distributors, fleets and service centers. Tuthill will train the maintenance staffs at the trailer manufacturers and fleets on how to perform the rework or repair.

Again, the remedial rework or repair work will be performed at no cost to you, the vehicle owner. We expect that all units will be addressed by March 31, 2006.

If required, and after pre-approval by Tuthill, parts required to replace other suspension components damaged by the loosened pivot bolt connection joints will be provided free of charge and labor expenses required to perform this work will be reimbursed through March 31,

2006. Those who incurred costs prior to notification of this recall will be reimbursed under Tuthill's product warranty.

Claims for work performed by you rather than Tuthill representatives must be pre-authorized. Claims for pre-authorized work may then be submitted to Tuthill Transport Technologies, Attention: Customer Service, 1205 Industrial Park Drive, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712, or by telephone at (800) 753-0025. Should parts and labor related to replacement of other suspension components be required, those claims may be submitted in the same manner. Additionally, said work must be approved by Tuthill.

If the trailer is not available for service for a known reason, please inform us by letter at the above-referenced address, or by telephone at (800) 753-0025. Also, to assist us in locating all trailers, we request that you promptly forward contact information for subsequent owners or those in possession of trailers.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Please contact your dealer as soon as possible to arrange a service date for the necessary repair. The repair time is less than one-half day.

If upon delivering the trailer to your dealer, the condition is not remedied within three days, please contact Tuthill Customer Service at (800) 753-0025. If after contacting the dealer and Tuthill Customer Service, you still are not able to have this safety defect remedied without charge or within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call 1-888-327-4236.

Thank you for your attention and your cooperation in connection with this safety recall. We are sorry for this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interests of safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

Tuthill Transport Technologies