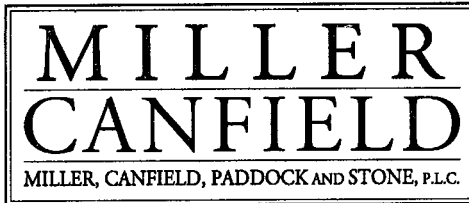


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October 3, 2005

Ms. Kelly Schuler  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
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Re: Recall Campaign no. 05E-062  
Trailer Hitches

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Dear Ms. Schuler:

As you are aware from our telephone conference, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. represents Valley Industries, LLC.

Enclosed are representative copies of correspondences sent by Valley Industries, LLC to customers and distributors in relation to the trailer hitches at issue in campaign no. 05E-062. These correspondences were sent beginning on September 14, 2005 and through September 30, 2005. Thirty (30) correspondences were sent to consumers who purchased the hitches via the Internet; over 100 were sent to distributors who sold the hitches to consumers. These documents are being forwarded to you in compliance with 49 CFR §573.1 et seq.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions in this regard.

Very truly yours,

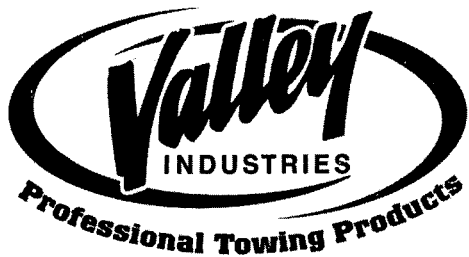
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Bryan Fletcher



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September 14, 2005

St Charles Nissan  
5601 Veterans Memorial Pkwy  
St. Peters, MO 63376

Dear St. Charles Nissan,

I am writing to you in regards to the trailer hitch you purchased from E Trailer for your 2005 Nissan Xterra..

This is a Valley Industries hitch part number 82850. We have recently learned from a third party of a potential performance issue with a trailer hitch similar to the design of the hitch that was sold to you.

We are currently reviewing the hitch and conducting tests to determine the performance of our hitch.

We would like to replace your existing hitch. We are asking you not to tow with your hitch until we send your replacement. Along with your replacement hitch we will include a Fed Ex label for you to send back your existing hitch. Your replacement hitch will be sent to you as soon as it becomes available. Please refrain from towing with your hitch until it has been replaced.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 209-368-8881 ext 336 or call our customer service number 800-344-3112 and ask to speak to me.

Barbara Allen  
Sales Department



1313 S. Stockton Street  
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(209) 368-8881, ext 201

September 30, 2005

Customer Contact Person  
Customer Name  
Customer Address

Dear Customer Contact Person,

We have recently learned from a third party of a potential performance issue with a trailer hitch similar in design to the Valley Hitch Part No. 82850 that we have sold to you since January 2005. We immediately examined the welding process and welding quality of these hitches. Our examination revealed suspect welds on the hitches. We currently are reviewing the cause of the suspect welds and are conducting tests in order to determine the performance of these welds. In an abundance of caution, however, we have placed a hold on all of the suspect hitches currently in our inventory for inspection and/or possible rework. We ask that you also immediately hold the units that remain in your inventory pending the results of our review. We expect to complete our review and have an action plan in place within the next week.

In the meantime, I request that you contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bryan Fletcher  
President Valley Industries

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