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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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JASON BACKS
VICE PRESIDENT
TRAVIS BODY & TRAILER, INC.
13955 FM 529
HOUSTON TX 77041

NVS-215
06V-010

Subject: COUPLER PLATE CASTING

Dear MR. BACKS:

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:

TRAVIS/AERO-LITE/2005-2006
TRAVIS/CLASSIC/2005-2006
TRAVIS/POWER-LITE/2005-2006
TRAVIS/SST/2005-2006
TRAVIS/WAVE/2005-2006
TRAVIS/WEDGE/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-010

Mfg's Report Date: January 9, 2006

Components: TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 639

Summary:

ON CERTAIN FRAMELESS, QUARTER-FRAME AND END DUMP TRAILERS, SMALL OUTER BUSHINGS (LEFT AND RIGHT) ON THE COUPLER PLATE HAVE CRACKED WHICH ALLOWS THE PIN THAT ATTACHES THE DRAFT ARMS TO THE COUPLER PLATE TO SLIP OUT.

Consequence:

THE TRAILER COULD TURN OVER WHILE DUMPING OR EVEN BECOME DISCONNECTED FROM THE TRUCK WHEN DRIVING. SERIOUS INJURY OR A FATALITY TO THE OPERATOR, BYSTANDERS OR OTHER MOTORISTS COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL ADD AN UPPER AND A LOWER REINFORCING PLATE AND INSPECT FOR CRACKS FREE OF CHARGE. TRAVIS IS IN THE PROCESS OF CONTACTING CUSTOMERS BY TELEPHONE IMMEDIATELY WITH EXPLANATION OF THE RECALL CAMPAIGN. A WRITTEN OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER WILL FOLLOW. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TRAVIS AT 800-535-4372.

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:

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).

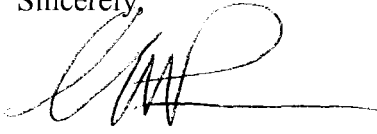
We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. in the second paragraph, please replace the word "accident" with "crash" per NHTSA's regulations.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Enclosed for your convenience is a copy of a Quarterly Report Guide.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GHP', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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

Enclosure:
Quarterly Report Guide

Vehicle Safety Recall Quarterly Report Information¹

Required per 49 CFR Part 573.7

Report Date: _____

Calendar Quarter: _____

Safety Recall Quarterly Report from _____ through _____

Manufacturer: _____

Report Author: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Recall Subject: _____

1. NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign Number: _____

Also, for completeness, if your company has assigned a code number to this campaign, please provide your code: _____

2. (a) The date notification to purchasers began: _____

(b) The date notification of purchasers was completed: _____

3. The Total Number of Vehicles Involved: _____

The total number of vehicles involved in the subject campaign (including all items sold or distributed to purchasers, dealers, distributors, and similar entities beyond the immediate control of the manufacturer/importer).

4. (a) Total Number Inspected & Remedied: _____

Total number of vehicles which were inspected and/or otherwise repaired or remedied.

(b) Total Number Inspected & NOT REQUIRING REMEDY: _____

Total number of vehicles involved in the recall and inspected, but determined to NOT REQUIRE REMEDIAL or recall repair work.

5. Vehicles Determined to be Unreachable

Total Number Exported: _____

Total Number Stolen: _____

Total Number Scrapped: _____

Total Number Unable to Notify: _____

Total Number Otherwise Unreachable: _____

Describe Other: _____

¹Any Questions please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler or Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.