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NVS-215
06V-045

Subject: DOLLY FRAME

Dear MS. BENNETT:

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:
HEIL/CALIFORNIA PULL/1999-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-045

Mfg's Report Date: February 9, 2006

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 87

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH AIR RIDE SUSPENSIONS, THE INTEGRITY OF THE WELD SEQUENCING COULD RESULT IN CRACKING AT THE REAR OF THE SUSPENSION FRAME.

Consequence:

SUCH A CRACK, IF LEFT UNATTENDED COULD PROGRESS TO AN ABRUPT FAILURE IN THE DOLLY FRAME. FAILURE TO HAVE THE UNIT UPGRADED COULD RESULT IN A CRASH WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL UPGRADE THE WELDING WHICH INVOLVES THE ADDITION OF A STEEL BAR TO REINFORCE THE FRAME STRUCTURE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HEIL AT 1-800-400-6913, EXTENSION 353 OR 574.

Notes:

HEIL RECALL NO. EWR282. 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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE05-067, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during February 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2006.

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,



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