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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
06V-047

Subject: AXLE SPINDLE

Dear MR. PRUITT:

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:
EAST/FRAME DUMP/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-047

Mfg's Report Date: February 8, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:SPINDLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TANDEM DUMP TRAILERS, DUE TO IMPROPER MATERIAL USED ON THE AXLE SPINDLE, THE SPINDLE CAN BEND OR BREAK.

Consequence:

A BROKEN SPINDLE CAN ALLOW THE WHEEL TO SEPARATE FROM THE TRAILER, RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE AXLE AFTER TESTING. IF NECESSARY. THE RECALL BEGAN ON JANUARY 10, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT EAST MANUFACTURING AT 1-888-405-3278.

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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 577.5, each manufacturer shall furnish a report to the NHTSA no more than 5 working days after a defect in a vehicle or item of equipment has been determined to be safety related before mailing to owners. Therefore, you are required to renotify customers and, at that time, the owner notification letter must meet the requirements of Part 577. Please be aware that a few changes will be needed.

The second paragraph should read: "East Manufacturing Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 Tandem dump trailers.

Give a clear description of the defect along with an evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety, i.e., "While braking, the spindle can break allowing the wheel to separate from the trailer, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash."

A reimbursement for prior repair paragraph needs to be added if these vehicles are not covered by a new car warranty. If you need to add a sentence, here is an example, i.e., "If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact East Manufacturing ..."

A sentence should be added concerning leased vehicles, i.e., Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

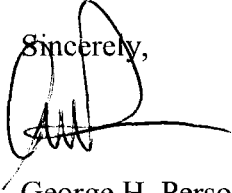
Please change the NHTSA's agency information to read: ...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or *call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.*"

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 required 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. As stated in your report, owner notification began on January 10, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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