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NVS-215
06V-065

Subject: REAR IMPACT GUARDS/FMVSS 223

Dear MR. LAMBERT:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance 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:

TRAILER/T18S/2000-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-065

Mfg's Report Date: March 7, 2006

Components: STRUCTURE:BODY:BUMPERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 479

Summary:

CERTAIN TRAILERS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 223, "REAR IMPACT GUARDS." PROPER REAR IMPACT GUARDS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THESE TRAILERS.

Consequence:

IF STRUCK IN THE REAR BY A SMALLER VEHICLE, THE VEHICLE MAY UNDERRIDE THE TRAILER INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE OCCUPANTS OF THE SMALLER VEHICLE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL THE PROPER REAR IMPACT GUARDS FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CHARLES MACHINE WORKS AT 580-572-2480.

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).

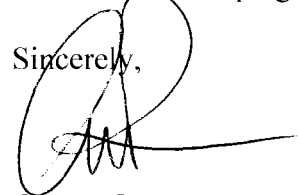
Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Please 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), along with the model years involved for this campaign.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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,


George H. Person
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement