



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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RICK CONNELLY
VICE PRESIDENT, ENGINEERING AND QUALITY
POLAR TANK TRAILER, LLC.
12810 COUNTY ROAD 17
HOLDINGFORD MN 56340

NVS-215
06V-102

Subject: ACCURIDE/ALUMINUM WHEEL

Dear MR. CONNELLY:

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:
POLAR/TANK TRAILER/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-102

Mfg' Report Date: March 7, 2005

Components: WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH ACCURIDE ALUMINUM WHEELS, THE WHEELS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY PRE-STRESSED AND MAY EXPERIENCE PREMATURE CRACKING ON THE DISC FACE THAT COULD RESULT IN FAILURE.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE WHEEL FAIL WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN USE, A VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

ACCURIDE IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN AND REPLACE THE WHEELS FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ACCURIDE AT 1-800-869-2275 OR POLAR AT 1-800-826-6589.

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).

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 your report, Accuride will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Accuride's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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,

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