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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
06V-158

Subject: AXLE FAILURES/DEXTER

Dear GAROLEEN:

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:
EXCEL/TRAILER/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-158 **Mfg's Report Date:** May 5, 2006

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3

Summary:
ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH DEXTER AXLES, THE DISC BRAKE CALIPER MOUNTING BOLTS ARE STRIPPED. INSUFFICIENT CLAMP LOAD BETWEEN CALIPER AND YOKE CAN CAUSE THE CALIPER TO DISASSEMBLE AND ADVERSELY AFFECT THE TRAILERS BRAKING SYSTEM.

Consequence:
LOSS OF BRAKING CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:
THESE TRAILERS WERE REPAIRED BEFORE SELLING TO CONSUMERS. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU MAY CONTACT PETERSON AT 1-800-368-3759.

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.

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

Please provide us with the model names of the trailers affected by this recall.

As stated in your defect report, all axles have been repaired.

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,

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Enforcement