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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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ROBERT MCLARTY
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NVS-215
06V-336

Subject: KING PIN SUPPORT BEAM ALUMINUM ANGLE

Dear MR. MCLARTY:

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:
WILSON/GRAIN TRAILER/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-336

Mfg's Report Date: August 24, 2006

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 284

Summary:
ON CERTAIN GRAIN TRAILERS, A FATIGUE FAILURE (CRACKING) OF THE ALUMINUM ANGLE BEHIND THE KING PIN SUPPORT BEAM CAN OCCUR CAUSING DISTORTION OF THE BOTTOM RAIL AND COMPROMISING THE KING PIN ASSEMBLY.

Consequence:
IF THE ANGLE FAILS BY WAY OF CRACKING OR DEFORMATION, THE BOTTOM RAIL OF THE TRAILER, WHICH SUPPORTS THE BEAM, COULD BE AFFECTED AND COMPROMISE THE STRENGTH OF THE KING PIN ASSEMBLY, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE AREA OF CONCERN, MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS, AND INSTALL A SUPPORT PLATE TO STRENGTHEN THE ANGLE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WILSON AT 1-800-798-2002.

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. At the end of the second paragraph, a risk needs to be added, i.e., "...compromise the strength of the king pin assembly, increasing the risk of a crash."

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

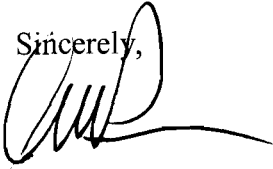
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 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 is expected to begin during August or September 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@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