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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215  
06V-345

Subject: FMVSS 110/CAPACITY TAGS INCORRECT

Dear MS. HUTCHENS:

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:**  
TRAILSTAR/U16/2001-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-345

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 28, 2006

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,774

**Summary:**

CERTAIN BOAT TRAILERS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 110, 'TIRE SELECTION AND RIMS.' THE ORIGINAL CAPACITY TAG DISPLAYS AN INCORRECT WEIGHT CAPACITY FOR THE TRAILER.

**Consequence:**

A LOAD EXCEEDING THE CORRECT RATING MAY RESULT IN EXCESSIVE WEAR TO THE EQUIPMENT AND, IF NOT NOTICED, A TIRE BLOWOUT MAY OCCUR DURING TRANSPORT INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A CORRECT CAPACITY TAG AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS. THE RECALL BEGAN ON AUGUST 30, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TRACKER MARINE AT 1-417-873-4555.

**Notes:**

TRACKER MARINE RECALL NO. TS-0014 AND TSMG-0007. 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).

This recall was the subject of an investigation conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on August 30, 2006, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Tracker Marine to do a renotification, the owner letter will need to be updated with the following changes:

The first sentence needs to read: "This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. "

The second paragraph should begin as: "Tracker Marine Group has decided that certain 2001-2006 Tracker Grizzly U16 trailers fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110, "Tire Selection and Rims." Please note in the owner letter for the TSMG-0007 notice, you have referenced the models as "2006 Tracker Pro Team 160 trailer." Should this be "2001-2006 Fisher 16 utility boat trailers."

The second paragraph also needs to have a risk to the consumer, i.e., "A load exceeding the correct rating may result in excessive wear to the equipment and, if not noticed, a tire blowout may occur during transport increasing the risk of a crash."

The following also needs to be added to the owner letter:

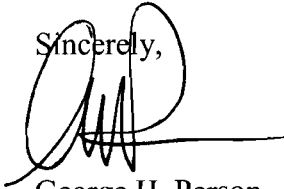
Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

We regret any inconvenience that this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety. You may submit a written complaint to 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>.*"

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 August 30, 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](mailto:patricia.wallace@dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto: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 be 'G. Person', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

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