



U.S. Department
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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DAVID PARTIN
DIRECTOR OF DEALER SERVICE
HEARTLAND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, LLC
1001 ALL PRO DRIVE
ELKHART IN 46514

NVS-215
06V-370

Subject: HUB WELD INSUFFICIENT/LIPPERT

Dear MR. PARTIN:

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:
HEARTLAND/BIGHORN/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-370

Mfg's Report Date: September 25, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION:FRONT:HUB

Potential Number of Units Affected: 51

Summary:

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS, THE HUB WELD IS INSUFFICIENT TO HOLD THE SPINDLE TO THE AXLE TUBE.

Consequence:

SPINDLE SEPARATION FROM THE AXLE TUBE CAN OCCUR, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

HEARTLAND IS WORKING WITH LIPPERT TO REPLACE THE AXLES ON THE AFFECTED TRAILERS. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HEARTLAND AT 1-574-262-5992.

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).

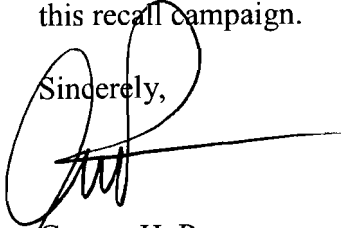
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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).

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

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,



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