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of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*October 18, 2006*

PHYLLIS STIGERS  
STIGERS TRAILER MANUFACTURING, INC.  
2130 COMMERCIAL DRIVE  
FRANKFORT KY 40601

NVS-215  
06V-393

Subject: WHEEL CRACKS/RFD

Dear MS. STIGERS:

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:**

GATOR MADE/16' TRAILER/2005  
GATOR MADE/6X10 TRAILER/2005  
GATOR MADE/6X12 TRAILER/2005  
GATOR MADE/CB-3/2005  
GATOR MADE/FLATBED TRAILER/2005  
GATOR MADE/UTILITY TRAILER/2005  
STIGERS/T-1101/2005  
STIGERS/T-1121/2005  
STIGERS/T-1141/2005  
STIGERS/T-3162/2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-393

**Mfg's Report Date:** October 3, 2006

**Components:** WHEELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 21

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN UTILITY TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH RFD WHEELS, THERE IS A DEFECTIVE WELD OF THE WHEELS CENTER HUB TO THE WHEEL RIM.

**Consequence:**

THIS COULD RESULT IN A WHEEL SEPARATION INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

RFD IS HANDLING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN (PLEASE SEE 05E031). RFD WILL REPLACE THE WHEELS ON THE AFFECTED TRAILERS. OWNERS MAY CONTACT RFD COMPONENTS AT 1-574-295-3939 OR STIGERS AT 1-502-875-1084.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN 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 Equipment Query, EQ05-015, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigations.

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

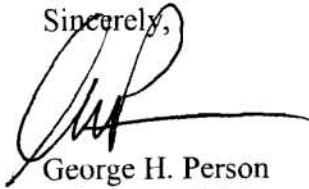
Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range [of cargo trailers] affected by this recall.

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 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, RFD will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 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 RFD'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@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 read 'GHP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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