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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

October 31, 2006

DELBERT MILLER
COMPLIANCE MANAGER
KZRV, L.P.
0985 N 900W
SHIPSHEWANA IN 46565

NVS-215
06V-411

Subject: AXLE FAILURES/DEXTER

Dear MR. MILLER:

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:
KZRV/ESCALADE/2006-2007
KZRV/MONTEGO BAY/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-411

Mfg's Report Date: October 17, 2006

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 25

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH DEXTER AXLES, THE DISC BRAKE CALIPER MOUNTING BOLTS MAY STRIP. 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:

DEXTER IS HANDLING THIS RECALL (PLEASE SEE 06E029) AND WILL REPLACE THE CALIPER MOUNTING HARDWARE FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DEXTER AT 1-800-400-2164 OR KZRV AT 800-768-4016.

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).

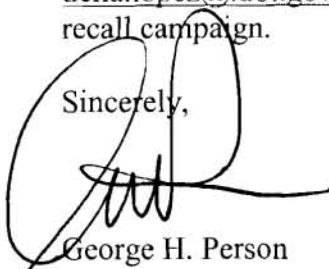
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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, Dexter 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 Dexter'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 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