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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

December 1, 2006

NEIL FORD
PRESIDENT
NU WA INDUSTRIES INC.
3701 S JOHNSON ROAD
CHANUTE KS 66720

NVS-215paw
06V-452

Subject: BROKEN WELDS ON PIN BOX

Dear MR. FORD:

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:

CUSTOM CAMPERS/LS/2005-2007
NU WA/CHAMPAGNE EDITION/2005-2007
NU WA/DISCOVER AMERICA/2005-2007
NU WA/PREMIER/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-452

Mfg's Report Date: November 21, 2006

Components: TRAILER HITCHES:FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,502

Summary:

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH A DEMCO GLIDE RIDE PIN BOX, THE WELDS ON THE PIN BOX CAN BREAK.

Consequence:

BROKEN WELDS CAN RESULT IN THE PIN BOX JAMMING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE GLIDE PIN ASSEMBLY WITH ASSEMBLIES MADE WITH A LONGER PIN AND MORE ROBUST WELDS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NU WA AT 1-800-835-0676 OR E-MAIL AT SAFETY@NUWA.COM.

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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

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

Under the "Reason for this bulletin" paragraph, the first sentence should read: "Nu Wa Industries Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the Demco Glide Ride pin box that was factory installed on certain 2005-2007 Champagne Edition, Discover America, Premier, and Custom Camper LS fifth wheel trailers." At the end of this paragraph, a consequence/risk needs to be added, i.e., "If the welds break, the pin box could jam allowing the hitch to loosen, which could lead to loss of control of the trailer" or "If the welds break, the pin box could jam allowing the hitch to loosen, which could cause the trailer to separate from the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash."

The reimbursement rule became effective on January 15, 2003. Accordingly, following that date, any 573 Notice that we receive must contain a reimbursement plan. Please read Part 573.13 for the requirements of the plan. If a plan is not part of the 573 report, then a paragraph needs to be added to the owner letter, such as, "If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Nu Wa at 1-800-835-0676, or e-mail them at safety@nuwa.com."

Please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...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>."

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

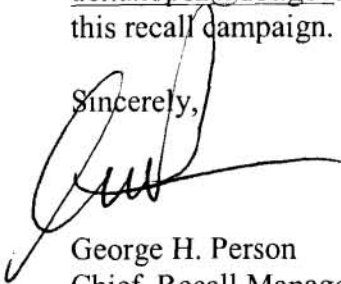
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 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 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 November 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

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