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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
06V-473

Subject: WHEEL SEPARATION AXLE FRACTURE/LIPPERT COMPONENTS

Dear MR BIAZO:

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:

PIONEER BRAND/PIONEER/2007
PROWLER BRAND/PRL CLASSIC/2007
TERRY BRAND/TERRY RESORT/2007
WILDERNESS BRAND/WILDERNESS SCOUT/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-473

Mfg's Report Date: November 14, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION: REAR: AXLE: SPINDLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 59

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH LIPPERT AXLES, DUE TO MISLOCATED SPINDLE WELDS, THE SPINDLE MAY PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE AXLE TUBE AND THE WHEEL AND HUB ASSEMBLY MAY COME OFF THE VEHICLE.

Consequence:

SUDDEN AXLE FAILURE COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

LIPPERT IS CONDUCTING THIS RECALL PLEASE SEE (06E-095) AND WILL INSPECT FOR MISLOCATED WELDS AND REPLACE THE AXLE IF NECESSARY. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT LIPPERT AT 1-877-870-4900 OR FLEETWOOD AT 1-800-322-8216.

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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE06-037, and an Equipment Query, EQ06-018, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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

Please provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year).

Notification to owners as required by 49 CFR Part 577 must be sent by the vehicle manufacturer(s). Therefore, 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. 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, Lippert Components will be handling the 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 Lippert Components' 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,



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