



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*December 21, 2006*

RANDY NIELSEN  
VICE PRESIDENT CUSTOMER CARE  
CROSSROADS RV  
305 HAWPATCH  
TOPEKA IN 46571

NVS-215  
06V-475

Subject: WHEEL SEPARATION AXLE FRACTURE/LIPPERT COMPONENTS

Dear MR. NIELSEN:

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:**

CROSSROADS/SUNSET TRAIL/2006  
CROSSROADS/ZINGER/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-475

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 14, 2006

**Components:** SUSPENSION: REAR: AXLE: SPINDLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 166

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL AND TRAVEL 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 AND WILL INSPECT FOR MISLOCATED WELDS AND REPLACE THE AXLE IF NECESSARY (PLEASE SEE 06E-095). OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT LIPPERT AT 1-877-870-4900 OR CROSSROADS AT 260-593-2866.

**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:


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).

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

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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](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,  


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