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~~via Certified Mail~~

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration
400 B 7th Street
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Notice of Possible Defect

Dear Administrator:

REPORT TO NHTSA

1. Manufacturer's Name: Wilson Trailer Company ID#000058
2. Vehicle Identification: certain 2006 and 2007 Wilson grain trailers manufactured from 7/1/05 to 7/1/06. Vehicles have been further identified by serial number and customer list.
3. Total Number of Vehicles Subject to Recall: 284.
4. Percentage of Trailers Estimated to be Defective: Less than 2% (6 trailers).
5. Description of Defect: The defect concerns the aluminum angle behind the king pin support beam. An angle is found on either side of the trailer where the beam joins the bottom rail of the trailer. A fatigue failure (cracking) of the angle can cause distortion of the bottom rail and compromise the king pin assembly.
6. History of Events: 6 trailers manufactured within the time period have experienced some material failure (cracking) in the aluminum angle behind the king pin beam. A determination of cause reveals that the angle needs additional structural support to strengthen the angle.



7. Description of Remedy: To remedy the defect, one must first inspect the area of concern for any cracking or deformation of the angle and repair the angle if cracking or deformation is present. In addition, a support plate must be installed at the area of concern. Instructions as to how to remedy the problem will be provided by the manufacturer to the service dealer. Also the customer and dealer will be provided a toll-free number to contact the manufacturer. The process involves inspection, remedial repair as required, and installation of the support plate.

Customers will be notified of the safety recall by first class mail on or before August 31, 2006.

8. Copies of Notices, etc.: See enclosed Safety Recall Notice with enclosure and dealer letter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob McLarty".

Bob McLarty
Technical Service and Claims Manager

Enclosures: Safety Recall Notice to Owner
Dealer Letter
Repair Instructions

(PROPOSED CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION LETTER CONCERNING SAFETY RECALL)

(Date)

(Customer)

(Address)

(City and State)

RE: Notice of Possible Defect
Trailer Serial No. _____
NHTSA I.D. # _____

Dear Sir:

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Wilson Trailer Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2006 and 2007 Wilson grain trailers manufactured from July 1, 2005, to July 1, 2006. Affected trailers are built with an aluminum king pin assembly.

The defect concerns the aluminum angle behind the king pin support beam. An angle is found on either side of the trailer where the beam joins the bottom rail of the trailer. If the angle fails by way of cracking or deformation, the bottom rail of the trailer, which supports the beam, could be affected and compromise the strength of the king pin assembly.

To remedy this defect, one must contact his Wilson dealer so they can inspect the area of concern, make necessary repairs, and install a support plate to strengthen the angle. The inspection, repair, and installation will be provided to you at no cost.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Wilson dealer or Bob McLarty at Wilson Trailer Company, 1-800-798-2002.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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 Wilson Trailer Company, 1-800-798-2002.

If you do not presently own the above-listed trailer, please contact your Wilson dealer or Linda Kollbaum at Wilson Trailer Company, 1-800-798-2002.

We regret any inconvenience that this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety. If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Sincerely,

Bob McLarty
Technical Service & Claims Mgr.

(PROPOSED DEALER LETTER CONCERNING SAFETY RECALL NOTICE)

(Date)

(Dealer)

(Address)

(City and State)

RE: Notice of Possible Defect

Dear Sir:

Wilson Trailer Company has decided that a possible defect exists with certain 2006 and 2007 Wilson grain trailers manufactured from July 1, 2005, to July 1, 2006. The defect concerns the aluminum angle behind the king pin support beam. An angle is found on either side of the trailer where the beam joins the bottom rail of the trailer. A fatigue failure of the angle can affect the bottom rail of the trailer and compromise the strength of the king pin assembly.

Your company has sold some of these trailers. Enclosed is a listing of your customers and serial numbers for the affected trailers. Wilson Trailer Company has notified these customers per the enclosed Safety Recall Notice. They have been given the option to contact you if they have questions. If contacted, please answer their questions.

Review the list of customers to confirm that they still own the serial number trailer on your list. If any of your customers have traded or sold the affected trailers, please advise Linda Kollbaum of the new owner and address, if available.

Wilson Trailer Company has determined that it is necessary to inspect the area of concern to determine whether the angle is cracked or deformed. If so, a repair will be necessary before any further remedial measure is performed. Finally, you will need to install a support plate at that location per the enclosed drawing. All necessary parts will be shipped to you, and the inspection, repair, and installation will be at no cost to the customer. The total time to perform these tasks is estimated to be 2-1/2 hours. Repair invoices will be sent to my attention at Wilson Trailer Company. The description on the invoice should read “**Reinforce aluminum king pin side rail angles**”.

In the event you have any of the affected trailers on your lot, you will need to inspect and take action outlined above. I will need to be notified of any such trailers on your lot.

Sincerely,

Bob McLarty
Technical Service & Claims Manager

Enclosures: Customer Notice
Customer List with serial numbers
Drawing with repair instructions