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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

March 19, 2007

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NVS-215dgl
07V-105

Subject: DOLLY LOCK PIN

Dear MR. PIERCE:

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:

EAST MANUFACTURING/PUP/1997-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-105

Mfg's Report Date: March 6, 2007

Components: TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 443

Summary:

ON CERTAIN DOUBLE PULL BEHIND SEMI-TRAILERS WITH ROLLER CIRCLE CONVERTER DOLLY LOCKS, THE SNAP RING THAT SUSPENDS THE DOLLY LOCK PIN MAY DISLODGE ALLOWING THE PIN TO INADVERTENTLY ENGAGE IN THE DOLLY LOCK TUBE.

Consequence:

THE TRACTOR/TRAILER COMBINATION COULD EXPERIENCE HANDLING PROBLEMS INCLUDING TIPPING OVER OF THE TRACTOR/TRAILER COMBINATION INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH AND INJURIES.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL CHANGE OUT THE EXISTING DOLLY LOCK PIN WITH THE SNAP RING AND WILL REPLACE IT WITH A NEW DOLLY LOCK PIN ASSEMBLY WITH A MACHINED SHOULDER FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 31, 2007. OWNER MAY CONTACT EAST AT 330-325-9921.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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.

At the end of the third paragraph, please add a risk to the end of the last sentence, i.e., "The tractor trailer combinationtipping over of the vehicle tractor trailer combination increasing the risk of a crash and injuries."

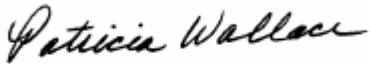
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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 on or about May 31, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 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,



for

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