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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

April 16, 2007

RICK CONNELLY
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POLAR TANK TRAILER, LLC.
12810 COUNTY ROAD 17
HOLDINGFORD MN 56340

NVS-215dgl
07V-158

Subject: ALUMINUM FRONT END FRAME

Dear MR. CONNELLY:

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:

POLAR/APX9-1000/2002-2005
POLAR/APX9-1200/2002-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-158

Mfg's Report Date: April 3, 2007

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 96

Summary:

ON CERTAIN PNEUMATIC TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH OPTIONAL ALUMINUM FRONT END FRAMES, A CRACK CAN DEVELOP NEAR A WELD IN THE FRONT END FRAME.

Consequence:

OVER TIME, THE CRACK CAN PROPAGATE THROUGH ONE OF THE FRONT FRAME RAILS EVENTUALLY CAUSING FAILURE OF THE RAIL, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN EXCESSIVE DEFLECTION OF THE FRONT FRAME, AND POSSIBLY RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPAIR THE CRACKED FRAMES OR REPLACE THE FRAME IF NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT POLAR AT 1-800-826-6589.

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 meets the requirements of Part 577.

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).

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 April 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,

Patricia Wallace

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