



U.S. Department
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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GRAIG ARROJO
CHAMPION MOTORCYCLE ACCESSORIES
INTERNATIONAL, INC.
(DBA CHAMPION SIDECARS)
11841 MONARCH STREET
GARDEN GROVE CA 92841-2110

NVS-215dgl
07V-412

Subject: TRAILING ARM SPINDLES/TRAILER FRAME

Dear MR. ARROJO:

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:

CHAMPION SIDECAR/COLORADO/2003-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-412

Mfg's Report Date: September 4, 2007

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 40

Summary:

CERTAIN TOURING TRAILERS WERE BUILT WITH TRAILING ARM SPINDLES (A PART OF THE TRAILER FRAME DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO BE TOWED BEHIND MOTORCYCLES) THAT MAY FATIGUE AND FAIL OVER TIME. THE SPINDLE MAY FRACTURE CAUSING THE ROAD WHEEL TO NO LONGER TRACK PROPERLY.

Consequence:

TRAILER (AND MOTORCYCLE) DIRECTIONAL STABILITY WOULD THEN BE COMPROMISED AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A NEW FRAME FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CHAMPION AT 800-875-0949.

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, PE07-035, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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. Also, 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).

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@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