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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
07V-489

Subject: SPARE TIRE MOUNT

Dear MR. BUSWELL:

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:
SCOTT/LIBERTY I/2002-2007
SCOTT/LIBERTY II/2002-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-489

Mfg's Report Date: October 15, 2007

Components: TIRES: TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY SPARE TIRE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 188

Summary:

ON CERTAIN AIR COMPRESSOR TRAILERS, THE SPARE TIRE MOUNT MAY FAIL AT ONE OR MORE OF THE WELDS ON THE UPRIGHT BAR RESULTING IN THE SPARE TIRE COMING LOOSE AND FALLING FROM THE TRAILER.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE SPARE TIRE DETACH ITSELF FROM THE CARRIER WHILE THE TRAILER IS IN MOTION, A CRASH MAY RESULT.

Remedy:

SCOTT WILL REPLACE THE OLD STYLE SPARE TIRE MOUNT WITH ONE OF A NEW DESIGN. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SCOTT AT 1-800-247-7257.

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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577.

Please add as your first sentence after "To: Users of Scott Liberty Compressor Trailers:" "This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act."

Your second paragraph needs to read: "Scott Health and Safety has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2002 through 2007 Liberty I and Liberty II air compressor trailers." Then you can continue with "Scott Health and Safety has recently learned....". However, you need to remove the sentence concerning no injuries has been reported. A statement that there is **no risk of vehicle crash or injury** can be used. This statement implies that the defect **may not exist** on any of the vehicles and is considered to be a disclaimer specifically prohibited by Part 577.8(a).

The following also needs to be added to your letter:

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 Scott Heath and Safety at 1-800-247-7257.

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, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter. Enclosed is a sample copy of the Quarterly Report Guide for your convenience.

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

Enclosure:
Quarterly Report Guide

Vehicle Safety Recall Quarterly Report Information¹

Required per 49 CFR Part 573.7

Report Date: _____ Calendar Quarter: _____

Safety Recall Quarterly Report from _____ through _____

Manufacturer: _____

Report Author: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Recall Subject: _____

1. NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign Number: _____

Also, for completeness, if your company has assigned a code number to this campaign, please provide your code: _____

2. (a) The date notification to purchasers began: _____

(b) The date notification of purchasers was completed: _____

3. The Total Number of Vehicles Involved: _____

The total number of vehicles involved in the subject campaign (including all items sold or distributed to purchasers, dealers, distributors, and similar entities beyond the immediate control of the manufacturer/importer).

4. (a) Total Number Inspected & Remedied: _____

Total number of vehicles which were inspected and/or otherwise repaired or remedied.

(b) Total Number Inspected & NOT REQUIRING REMEDY: _____

Total number of vehicles involved in the recall and inspected, but determined to NOT REQUIRE REMEDIAL or recall repair work.

5. Vehicles Determined to be Unreachable

Total Number Exported: _____

Total Number Stolen: _____

Total Number Scrapped: _____

Total Number Unable to Notify: _____

Total Number Otherwise Unreachable: _____

Describe Other: _____

¹Any Questions please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler or Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.