



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. KARL SORENSEN
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TRUCK EQUIPMENT SERVICE CO.
800 OAK STREET
LINCOLN, NE 68521

NVS-215paw
07V-578

Subject: FRAME TO MAIN CHASSIS CRACKS

Dear MR. SORENSEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Truck Equipment Service Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:

TRUCK EQUIPMENT/CORNHUSKER 800R/1997-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-578

Mfg's Report Date: December 6, 2007

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 112

Summary:

ON CERTAIN 'ROCK PUP' 3 AXLE TRAILERS WITH 16' DUMP BOXES, CRACKS CAN DEVELOP IN THE WELDS WHICH HOLD THE 'NOSE' OF THE FRAME TO THE MAIN CHASSIS. THE 16' BOX MOUNT CAUSES A STEEL FRAME PLATE TO BE SHORTENED CAUSING A REDUCTION IN STRENGTH.

Consequence:

THE CHASSIS AND BOX CAN SEPARATE FROM THE DRAWBAR CAUSING A LOSS OF CONTROL WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

TRAILER OWNERS WILL INSPECT THE WELDS WHERE THE SLOPED FRAME 'NOSE' WELDS TO THE HORIZONTAL MAIN FRAME RAILS. IF CRACKS ARE FOUND, A FRAME UPDATE KIT WILL BE SENT TO THE OWNERS TO HAVE THE REPAIRS PERFORMED LOCALLY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 17, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TRUCK EQUIPMENT AT 1-402-476-3225.

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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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.

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