



February 20, 2006

N.H.T.S.A. Recall No. **[TBD]**

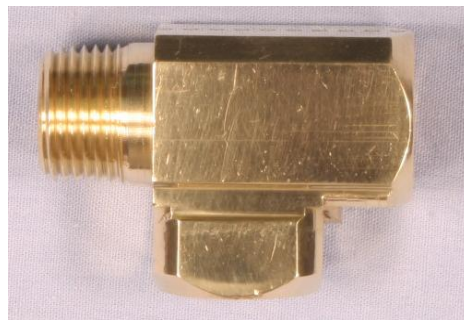
Re: Trailer Serial Numbers: See Attached List

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Stoughton Trailers in conjunction with BrassCraft Canada, Ltd. have decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain **[description of trailers affected]** The components involved are pipe fittings manufactured by BrassCraft Canada, Ltd and supplied to **Stoughton Trailers** for use in the air brake systems of its trailers. As a result, BrassCraft and **Stoughton Trailers** are recalling the defective pipe fittings and will replace them free of charge.

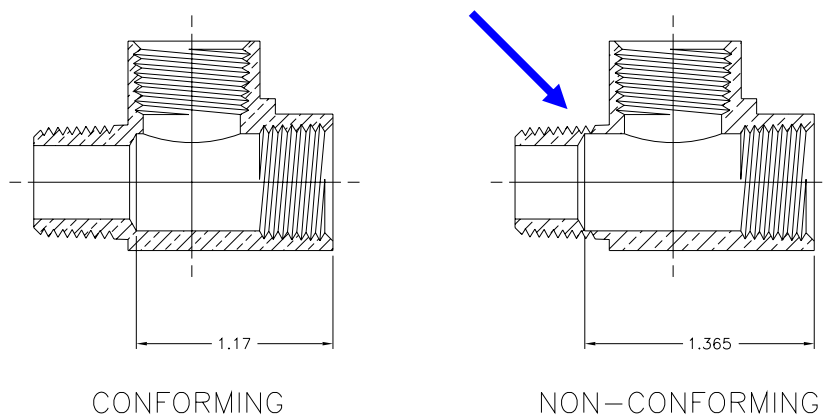
The pipe fittings covered by this recall are BrassCraft Brass Street T Pipe Fittings (Model No. 225-6, pictured below) installed by **Stoughton Trailers** between **[Starting Date]** and **[Ending Date]**.

BrassCraft Model 225-6 Pipe Fitting



BrassCraft has discovered that a manufacturing error occurred during production of these fittings earlier this summer. During manufacture, the fitting is designed to be drilled from the right side to a nominal depth of 1.17 inches (as shown in the cross-section diagram below). In some cases, though, the fitting was drilled too deep (to more than 1.3 inches), resulting in a thin wall in the male connector pipe thread as indicated by the arrow in the diagram below. As a result of this error, the male pipe thread may break off during or after assembly.

Cross-Section View of Product



If these fittings are not replaced, they may fail while in use, causing the air brake system to depressurize. If the fitting fails while in use, the airbrake system could depressurize, causing the brakes to engage suddenly, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash.

Your Assistance Is Needed Now

- ☐ Upon receiving this notice you should immediately have your trailer inspected and serviced as appropriate by a Stoughton dealer or other location qualified to conduct the annual tests required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- ☐ Alternatively, you may inspect your trailer to determine if your trailer has the subject fitting. The attached drawing shows where the affected component is located on the trailer (where the air hose connects to the roadside rear brake chamber). If you find the subject fitting, it should be removed. Because the component is used solely at the factory to allow connection to perform a brake response test, there is no need to replace the fitting with a new one. Instead, the air hose can be connected directly to the brake chamber. The trailer will function as designed without the fitting installed.
- ☐ Trailers with affected fittings installed should not be used until the fittings are removed.

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 for some reason the repair work associated with this recall is not made without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may wish to register a complaint with the following:

Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 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>

Customer safety is BrassCraft's and Stoughton Trailer's highest priority, and we are committed to ensuring the quality and safety of the products we manufacture. We truly appreciate your understanding and support for our efforts to remedy this unfortunate, but limited, problem with the BrassCraft Street T fitting.

Request for Reimbursement
NHTSA recall # (TBD)

BrassCraft Brass Street T Pipe Fitting, Model 225-6

VIN See Attached List -----

Name of customer/trailer owner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please check the appropriate selection

- ☐ The trailer was inspected and did not contain the subject fitting
- ☐ The subject fitting was removed from the trailer

I hereby certify that the part identified above has been removed from the stated trailer and permanently removed from service in a manner that prevents it from ever being used again.

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Service Center _____
(Entity to which the reimbursement check will be made payable)

Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Fax to: (Stoughton – BrassCraft Recall 608-873-2566)

Service Instructions

The fitting is located on the trailer where the air hose connects to the roadside rear brake chamber. The fitting may not be present on your trailer. If it is present, it must be removed by a qualified individual. Since the component is used strictly to allow connection to perform a brake response test at the factory, there is no need to replace the fitting. Instead, the air hose can be connected directly to the brake chamber. The trailer will function as designed without the fitting installed.

Once the fitting has been removed, the attached form should be completed for reimbursement and to document the service has been completed on the trailer.

