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December 3, 2007

Ms. Pat Wallace
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
West Building – W48-212
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Recall Campaign no. 07V-523
Thule Galvanized 5x7 Utility Trailer

Dear Ms. Wallace:

Enclosed are representative copies of the notification for posting, correspondence to customers to whom Thule Towing Systems LLC distributed trailers that are the subject of the above-referenced recall, and sample envelope.

These documents are forwarded to you in compliance with 49 CFR §573.1 et seq. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions in this regard.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Very truly yours,

MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.

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Enclosures

cc: Thomas F. McMillan

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

Thule Trailers, a division of Thule Towing Systems, LLC
SAFETY RECALL FOR THULE TRAILERS GALVANIZED TRAILER
(MODEL NO. 3205 or 1900)

November 15, 2007

In voluntary cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Thule Trailers is instituting a recall on the trailers listed above. Thule Trailers ("Thule") has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in certain 7' x 4.5 galvanized utility trailers, Model 3205 or 1900.

IF YOU HAVE A TRAILER, MODEL NO. 3205 or 1900 (which is a 3205 with a lid), PLEASE:

1. To identify the trailer model, locate the VIN on the tow bar. Locate the trailer model on the VIN, this will be the first 7 characters in the VIN – trailers with VIN that begin with either a 5XDN507 or 5FGN507 are subject to this recall.
2. Look on the underside of the trailer for the axle and axle mounting points for the bracket in question. The correct mounting of the brackets occurs when it is mounted between the axle and the chassis member of the trailer, with the "L" portion of the bracket flush against the side of the chassis member (pictured on the left).



Correct



Incorrect



Incorrect

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

The axle strengthening bracket (part number T18114) may be installed incorrectly which could lead to the axle breaking away from the trailer body. **THIS CONDITION MAY CAUSE AN ACCIDENT AND/OR INJURY WITHOUT WARNING.**

WHAT THULE WILL DO

Thule will reimburse the labor for correcting the placement of the axle bracket.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

1. DO NOT SELL THE SUBJECT TRAILER; DO NOT TOW THE TRAILER

2. Contact Thule immediately toll-free at (888) 451-9776 to arrange for inspection and disposition of the trailer.

Please note that no Thule Trailer products, other than the models identified above, are affected by this recall.

If you are not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., 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>.

**SAFETY RECALL FOR THULE GALVANIZED TRAILER
(MODEL NOS. 3205 or 1900)**

November 14, 2007

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

Thule Trailers (“Thule”) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 7’ x 4.5 galvanized utility trailers, **Model Nos. 3205 or 1900**.

IF YOU HAVE A TRAILER, MODEL NO. 3205 or 1900 (which is Model no. 3205 with a lid), PLEASE:

- 1. IDENTIFY THE TRAILER MODEL AS FOLLOWS: (1) LOCATE THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER TAG (VIN) ON THE TOWBAR; and (2) LOCATE THE TRAILER MODEL ON THE VIN.**

TRAILERS VIN THAT BEGIN WITH EITHER A 5XDN507 OR 5FGN507 ARE SUBJECT TO THIS RECALL:



Look for markings on the VIN on locations shown by the red arrows

- 2. CHECK THE UNDERSIDE OF THE TRAILER FOR THE AXLE AND MOUNTING POINTS FOR THE BRACKET. THE CORRECT MOUNTING OF THE BRACKET IS WHEN IT IS MOUNTED BETWEEN THE AXLE AND THE CHASSIS MEMBER OF THE TRAILER, WITH THE “L” PORTION OF THE BRACKET POINTING TO THE TOP OF THE TRAILER AND FLUSH AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE CHASSIS MEMBER (PICTURED ON THE LEFT).**



Correct



Incorrect



Incorrect

A bracket mounted correctly is located between the axle and the trailer with the “L” portion of the bracket pointing to the top of the trailer and flush against the side of the chassis member.

A bracket mounted incorrectly is under the axle with the axle between the bracket and the trailer, or has the “L” portion of the bracket facing downwards. (See pictures to the right above).

**PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER
“WHAT YOU SHOULD DO” BELOW**

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

The axle strengthening bracket (part number T18114) may be installed incorrectly which could lead to the axle breaking away from the trailer body while in use. **THIS CONDITION MAY CAUSE AN ACCIDENT AND/OR INJURY WITHOUT WARNING.**

WHAT THULE WILL DO

Thule will reimburse the labor for correcting the placement of the axle bracket at no charge to you.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- 1. DO NOT SELL THE SUBJECT TRAILER; DO NOT TOW THE TRAILER**
2. Contact Thule immediately toll-free at **(888) 451-9776** to arrange for inspection and correction of the bracket installation on the trailer. 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 for the problem associated with this recall. For more information, contact Thule at the toll-free number above.

Please note that no Thule Trailer products, other than the models identified above, are affected by this recall.

If you are not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write 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>.

We apologize for this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our product. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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