



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

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Washington, DC 20590

January 30, 2008

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DOUBLETREE RV
PO BOX 235
HOWE, IN 46746

NVS-215paw
08V-040

Subject: BRAKE ACTUATOR/ACTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Dear MS. BAKER:

This letter serves to acknowledge DoubleTree RV'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:

DOUBLETREE/ELITE/2007
DOUBLETREE/MOBILE SUITE/2007
DOUBLETREE/SELECT SUITE/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-040

Mfg's Report Date: December 28, 2007

Components: SERVICE BRAKES: HYDRAULIC: FOUNDATION COMPONENTS: DISC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 359

Summary:

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAVEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH A DISC BRAKE SYSTEM PRODUCED BY ACTIVE TECHNOLOGY. ACTIBRAKE ACTUATORS INSTALLED ON THESE VEHICLES, OVER TIME, MAY OVERHEAT, DAMAGING THE BRAKING SYSTEM.

Consequence:

THIS COULD CREATE A FIRE OR LOSS OF BRAKING POWER INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DOUBLETREE IS WORKING WITH ACTIVE TECHNOLOGY TO REPAIR THESE VEHICLES (PLEASE SEE 08E007). THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DOUBLETREE AT 1-260-562-1075.

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