



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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March 21, 2008

MR. SCOTT NIGH SWANDER
PRESIDENT
KWIK-LOC CORPORATION
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NVS-215dgl
08V-123

Subject: FIFTH WHEEL LEVER PIVOT BOLTS/HOLLAND SIMPLEX

Dear MR. NIGH SWANDER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kwik-Loc Corporation'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:

KWIK/M1000/2006-2007

KWIK/M4000/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-123

Mfg's Report Date: March 11, 2008

Components: TRAILER HITCHES: FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 178

Summary:

KWIK-LOC IS RECALLING 178 MY 2006-2007 M4000 AND M10000 DOLLIES EQUIPPED WITH HOLLAND SIMPLEX SE OR SE II FIFTH WHEELS. THE LATCH LEVER PIVOT BOLT ASSEMBLY MAY HAVE BEEN OVER-TIGHTENED WHICH COULD DISTORT THE PIVOT BOLT SPACER SLEEVE. CORROSION OR CONTAMINATES IN THE PIVOT MAY CAUSE IT TO BIND AND PREVENT THE FIFTH WHEEL JAW FROM LATCHING SECURELY AROUND THE TRAILER KING PIN.

Consequence:

THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE FIFTH WHEEL MAY FAIL TO LATCH WITHOUT THE DRIVER'S KNOWLEDGE. WHEN THIS OCCURS, THE DRIVER COULD DRIVE AWAY AND THE TRAILER COULD BECOME DISENGAGED INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PIVOT BOLT AND SLEEVE WITH A HEX HEAD SHOULDER BOLT AND WASHER. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KWIK-LOC AT 213-777-4373.

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).

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ07-007, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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

The first sentence should read: "This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act."

The second paragraph should read: "Kwik-Loc Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain MY 2006-2007 M4000 and M10000 dollies equipped with Holland Simplex SE or SE II fifth wheels.

A reimbursement for prior repair paragraph needs to be added, i.e., "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, please contact Kwik-Loc at 213-777-4373."

A sentence concerning leased vehicles is needed, i.e., "Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

Please add a paragraph providing NHTSA's hotline information to read: "If you are unable to obtain a remedy without charge within a reasonable time, you may also contact 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:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. Person".

for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement