



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. RANDALL R. URNESS
AFTERMARKET SALES AND SUPPORT MANAGER
SILVER EAGLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY
5825 NE SKYPORT WAY
PORTLAND, OR 97218

NVS-215dgl
08V-188

Subject: FIFTH WHEEL LEVER PIVOT BOLTS/SAF-HOLLAND SIMPLEX

Dear MR. URNESS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Silver Eagle Manufacturing 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:

SILVER EAGLE/FALCON DOLLIES/2006-2008
SILVER EAGLE/HAWK DOLLIES/2006-2008
SILVER EAGLE/TANDEM DOLLIES/2006-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-188

Mfg's Report Date: April 15, 2008

Components: TRAILER HITCHES: FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 133

Summary:

SILVER EAGLE IS RECALLING 133 MY 2006-2008 HAWK DOLLIES CS AND CSA, TANDEM DOLLIES CTL AND CTA, AND FALCON DOLLIES CSU MODELS EQUIPPED WITH SAF-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 ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SILVER EAGLE AT 1-800-547-6792.

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 notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. However please change NHTSA's hotline address: "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:

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 cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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