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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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08V-604

SUBJECT: FLANGE FAILURES

DEAR MS. FREEMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Reinke Manufacturing Company, Inc.'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:

REINKE/INTERMODAL TANK CHASSIS/2003-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-604

Mfg's Report Date: November 14, 2008

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Summary:

REINKE IS RECALLING 10 MY 2003-2004 INTERMODAL TANK CHASSIS FRAMES. ON CERTAIN CHASSIS FRAMES, THE LOWER FLANGE(S) OF THE FRAME CAN DEVELOP A SMALL FATIGUE CRACK IN FRONT OF OR BEHIND THE FRONT SUSPENSION HANGER.

Consequence:

THESE SMALL CRACKS CAN, IN SOME CASES, FURTHER DEVELOP WHEREBY IN CERTAIN APPLICATIONS THE LOWER FLANGE(S) MAY FAIL, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

REINKE WILL INSPECT AND REPAIR THE CHASSIS FRAME FLANGE(S) FREE OF CHARGE AT A DESIGNATED REPAIR FACILITY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT REINKE AT 1-877-762-1001.

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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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).

Reinke must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

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 "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a stylized "P".

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