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## **Safety Recall-SR2**

### **XL 80/100 Jeeps with Holland Sliding Fifth Wheel Assemblies**

Dear XL Specialized Trailers, Inc. trailer owner:

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

XL Specialized Trailers Inc has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Model 80 and 100 Jeeps equipped with Holland sliding fifth wheel assemblies and manufactured between April 1998 and September 2008. There should be at minimum 3/8" groove welds 3" long on 8 1/2" centers along the outer edge of the slider frame and the top of the Jeep frame. There should be at minimum 5/16" fillet welds 3" long on 8 1/2" centers on the underside of the slide frame to the Jeep frame alternating with the outer welds. If the welds do not meet these minimum specifications, weld failure can occur allowing the fifth wheel plate to separate from the Jeep. This action will cause a Motor Vehicle Safety Concern that could result in death or injury.

Your Jeep is in the affected range. For this reason we ask that you arrange for service to correct the condition without delay. The service and required parts as described in this letter will be provided free of charge.

To correct this condition your dealer will inspect the welds on your Jeep sliding fifth wheel plate. The repair facility will be instructed to fully weld the inner and outer edges of the fifth wheel assembly to the Jeep frame using an E70 welding wire or an electrode with 70ksi minimum yield strength.

The work will take about 4 hours to complete. However additional time maybe required depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed. To obtain this free service, contact your dealer as soon as possible to schedule an appointment. If you have any problem obtaining the needed repair, please contact the XL Specialized Trailer Inc, customer service at 1-319-283-5084 for assistance.

We regret any inconvenience which this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety. If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey

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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>.”