



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

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CHATTANOOGA, TN 37411-5661

NVS-215paw
09V-029

SUBJECT: INTRA-LITE FRAME FAILURES

DEAR MS. MOSES:

This letter serves to acknowledge Heil Trailer International'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:
HEIL/PETRO/2005-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-029

Mfg's Report Date: January 8, 2009

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 294

Summary:

HEIL IS RECALLING 294 MY 2005-2008 HEIL PETRO TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH INTRA-LITE FRAMES. THE INTEGRITY OF THE HANGER BRACING COULD RESULT IN CRACKING AT THE REAR OF THE SUSPENSION FRAME.

Consequence:

SUCH A CRACK, IF LEFT UNATTENDED, COULD PROGRESS TO AN ABRUPT FAILURE IN THE HANGER, WHICH COULD CAUSE A CRASH WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

HEIL WILL REPLACE THE FRONT SUSPENSION TWO ATTACHMENT POINT BOLTED HANGER CROSS BRACE WITH A SIX ATTACHMENT BOLTED CROSS BRACE KIT TO REINFORCE THE FRAME STRUCTURE. IN ADDITION, THE BRAKE AIR RESERVOIR MOUNTING WILL BE CHANGED FROM DIRECT FRAME MOUNT TO BRACKET ATTACHMENT MOUNT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HEIL AT 1-800-400-6913.

Notes:

HEIL RECALL NO. EWR282. 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).

Heil 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 Delia Lopez or Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or 202-366-5227, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or Kelly.Schuler@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 be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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