



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

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NVS-215dgl
09V-067

SUBJECT: WHEEL END STUDS/ARVINMERITOR

DEAR MR. GIBSON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Innovative Trailers, 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:

INNOVATIVE/SFS-45/2008
INNOVATIVE/SDS-45/2008
INNOVATIVE/SDS-42/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-067

Mfg's Report Date: February 6, 2009

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Summary:

INNOVATIVE IS RECALLING 4 MY 2008 SFS-45, SDS-45 AND MY 2009 SDS-42 BUSES EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR AXLE ASSEMBLIES. THE WHEEL END STUDS MAY HAVE BEEN IMPROPERLY TEMPERED RENDERING THEM BRITTLE AND SUSCEPTIBLE TO FRACTURE. IF ONE WHEEL STUD FRACTURES, THE REMAINING WHEEL STUDS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY MORE LOAD. IF LEFT IN THIS CONDITION, THE REMAINING WHEEL STUDS MAY ALSO FRACTURE EVEN IF THEY ARE PROPERLY MANUFACTURED.

Consequence:

FRACTURED WHEEL STUDS COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

INNOVATIVE IS WORKING WITH ARVINMERITOR WHO WILL REPLACE ANY AFTERMARKET REPLACEMENT STUD FREE OF CHARGE (PLEASE SEE 08E038). OWNERS MAY CONTACT ARVINMERITOR AT 1-248-435-8793 OR INNOVATIVE AT 903-832-6684.

Notes:

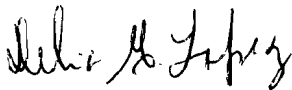
OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

As stated in your defect report, all owners have been notified and the vehicles have been corrected. This campaign is considered 100% complete. No further action is required on this campaign.

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,



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

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