



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. TODD HEITMAN
TECHNICAL SERVICE & CLAIMS MANAGER
WILSON TRAILER COMPANY
4400 SO LEWIS BLVD
SIOUX CITY IA 51106

NVS-215dgl
09V-145

SUBJECT: LOCK SUPPORT TUBE

DEAR MR. HEITMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wilson Trailer 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 Federal law.

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:
WILSON/GOOSENECK/1999-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-145

Mfg's Report Date: April 29, 2009

Components: LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,429

Summary:

WILSON TRAILERS IS RECALLING 7,429 MY 1999-2009 GOOSENECK TRAILERS. THE DEFECT CONCERNS THE LOCK SUPPORT TUBE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED BEYOND SPECIFICATION. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE LOCK COULD DEVELOP INADEQUATE PIN ENGAGEMENT RESULTING IN THE GATE OPENING UNEXPECTEDLY.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY TO THE USER.

Remedy:

OWNERS ARE TO CHECK THE GAP BETWEEN THE KEEPER AND SUPPORT TUBE AND SHOULD DOCUMENT THE DIMENSION ON THE POSTCARD PROVIDED AND RETURN IT BACK TO WILSON TRAILERS. IF THE GAP IS GREATER THAN 3/8 INCH, A FIELD REPAIR IS AVAILABLE TO ADJUST THE SUPPORT TUBE TO THE CORRECT DIMENSION. IF THE OWNER PREFER, YOU MAY CONTACT WILSON DEALER SO THEY CAN INSPECT THE AREA OF CONCERN AND ADJUST THE LOCK SUPPORT TUBE TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE PIN ENGAGEMENT. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WILSON TRAILERS AT 1800-798-2002.

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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

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).

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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at 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 be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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