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Patricia Wallace
Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration
400 B 7th Street
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Wilson Trailer Company Number 000058
Notice of Possible Defect

Dear Ms Wallace:

REPORT TO NHTSA

1. Manufacturer's Name: Wilson Trailer Company
2. Vehicle Identification: Wilson Gooseneck Trailers manufactured from 1/1/98 to 1/20/09, with outside release, vertical spring lock, gate latches.
3. Total Number of Vehicles Subject to Recall: 7429 US trailers
4. Percentage of Trailers Estimated to be Defective: 15 trailers .2%
5. Description of Defect: The defect concerns the lock support tube that may have been installed beyond specification. Consequently, the lock could develop inadequate pin engagement with the lock keeper, resulting in the gate opening unexpectedly.
6. History of Events: At least two trailers and possibly up to five additional trailers within said timeframe have experienced the described defect.
7. Description of Remedy: Check gate latches for correct dimension between gate latch and support tube, 3/8" maximum. A field repair to install an angle on the support tube to obtain the correct dimension will be provided.

Customers will be notified of the safety recall by first class mail on or before_____.

8. Copies of Notices, etc: See enclosed Safety Recall Notice and dealer letter, customer letter, drawing and postcard.
9. Manufacture's campaign number 508Q

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Heitman
Technical Service & Claims Mgr
Enclosures: Safety recall notice to owner, drawing, postcard.
Dealer Letter

DATE

CUSTOMER
ADDRESS
ADDRESS

RE: NOTICE OF POSSIBLE DEFECT

TRAILER SERIAL # _____

NHTSA I.D.# _____

DEAR SIR:

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Wilson Trailer Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Wilson gooseneck trailers manufactured in January, 1998 to January, 2009. Affected trailers are built with outside release, vertical spring, lock gate latches.

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. This could result in personal injury to the user.

To determine if your trailer has a defect, please check the gap between the keeper and support tube noted as "B" on the attached drawing. If the gap is 3/8 inch or less there is no defect. Please document this on the provided card and send the card back to Wilson Trailer Company. If the gap is greater than 3/8 inch, a field repair is available through Wilson Trailer Company to adjust the support tube to the correct dimension. Please contact Todd Heitman or Linda Kollbaum at 1-800-798-2002 for repair parts and instructions.

If you prefer, you may contact your Wilson dealer so they can inspect the area of concern and adjust the lock support tube to maintain adequate pin engagement. The inspection and repair will be provided to you at no cost.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your Wilson dealer or Todd Heitman at Wilson Trailer Company 1-800-798-2002.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information, contact Wilson Trailer Company, Todd Heitman, ph#1-800-798-2002.

If you do not presently own the above listed trailer, please contact your Wilson dealer or Linda Kollbaum at Wilson Trailer Company, 1-800-798-2002, or you can document the new owner's name and address on the provided card and send to Wilson Trailer Company.

We regret any inconvenience that 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 Ave SE, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Sincerely,

Todd Heitman
Technical Service & Claims Mgr.

Enc. Drawing and card

DATE

DEALER
ADDRESS
ADDRESS

RE: WILSON TRAILER CAMPAIGN NUMBER _____
NOTICE OF POSSIBLE DEFECT

DEAR SIR:

Wilson Trailer Company has decided that a possible defect exists in certain Wilson gooseneck trailers manufactured with outside release, vertical spring lock, gate latches from January, 1998 to January, 2009. The defect concerns the lock support tube that may have been installed beyond specification. If that is the case, the lock could develop inadequate pin engagement resulting in the gate opening unexpectedly. This could result in personal injury to the user.

Your company has sold some of these trailers. Enclosed is a listing of your customers and serial numbers for the affected trailers. Wilson Trailer Company has notified these customers per the enclosed Safety Recall Notice. They have been given the option to contact you, if they have questions. If contacted, please answer their questions.

Review the list of customers to confirm that they still own the serial number trailer on your list. If any of your customers have sold or traded the affected trailers, please advise Linda Kollbaum of the new owner and address, if available.

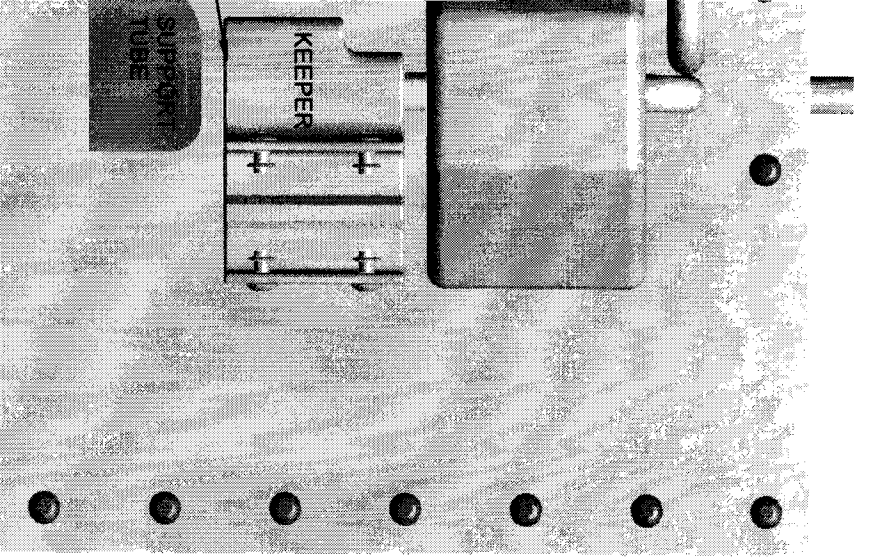
You may be asked to inspect and if necessary correct the latch dimension problem. Please contact me for field repair parts and instructions. The allotted repair time for the inspection is .5 hour and for the repair is 1 hour. Repair invoices should be sent to my attention at Wilson Trailer Company. The description on the invoice should read "508Q, RECALL ON GOOSENECK GATE LATCH".

In the event you have any of the affected trailers on your lot, please inspect and if necessary, take action as outlined above. Please notify me of any such trailers on your lot.

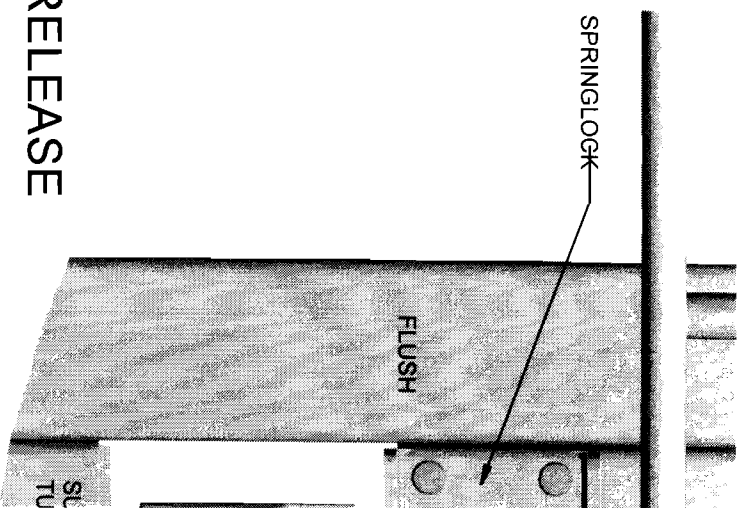
Sincerely,

Todd Heitman
Technical Service & Claims Mgr.

Enclosures: customer notice, customer list with serial numbers, drawing with repair instructions



**WILSON TRAILER COMPANY
MOUNTED LOCKS
ON ALL SWING GATES**



INSPECTION PROCEDURE: OUTSIDE RELEASE

- A. CLOSE THE GATE.
- B. MEASURE GAP B UNDER THE KEEPER.
- C. IF GAP B IS GREATER THAN 3/8", CONTACT WILSON TRAILER COMPANY WARRANTY FOR REPAIR PARTS.
- D. IF GAP B IS 3/8" OR LESS PLEASE FILL OUT THE SUPPLIED CARD & RETURN TO WILSON TRAILER COMPANY.

FULL FRAM

GOOSENECK GATE LATCHES

If your serial number(s) listed on the letter have the required dimensions on the gate latches, please document the serial # and mark (X) in the box and return to Wilson Trailer Company "No Postage Necessary".

Serial Number _____ (box)

If you no longer own the said trailer, please furnish the new customers name and address.

(name and address)

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