



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

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Washington, DC 20590

May 12, 2010

MR. SCOTT EBERTS  
GENERAL MANAGER  
WILDCAT MFG. CO., INC'S  
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NVS-215dgl  
10V-191

**SUBJECT: LENGTH TONGUE ASSEMBLY**

**DEAR MR. EBERTS:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Wildcat Mfg. Co., Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:**

WILDCAT/510/2004-2009

WILDCAT/510LT/2007-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-191

**Mfg's Report Date:** April 19, 2010

**Components:** TRAILER HITCHES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 74

**Summary:**

WILDCAT IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2004-2009 510 AND MODEL YEAR 2007-2009 510LT TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH AN ADJUSTABLE LENGTH TONGUE ASSEMBLY. THE PINTLE EYE USED IN THE TONGUE ASSEMBLY DOES NOT HAVE AN ADEQUATE VERTICAL OR HORIZONTAL LOAD RATING FOR THE GROSS WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE.

**Consequence:**

THE PINTLE EYE COULD FAIL RESULTING IN SEPARATION OF THE TONGUE FROM THE TOW VEHICLE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

FIELD KIT MODIFICATIONS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER DEVELOPMENT. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MAY 28, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WILDCAT AT 800-627-3954.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY 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:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a 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