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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NHTSA/Enforcement/ODI, NVS-215
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W46-421
West Building, Fourth Floor
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Initial Defect Information Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573

Dear Mr. Smith:

BRP US Inc. determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in tra sold with our Sport Boats. We are reporting the currently available information requirec 49 CFR Part 573.6.

• **573.6 (c) (1) Name of manufacturer:**

The affected trailers were manufactured by Karavan Trailers Incorporated, 100 Karavan Dr, Box 27 Fox Lake, WI 53933 to be sold with Sea-Doo® Sport Boats manufactured by BRP Inc, Science Drive, Sturtevant, Wisconsin, USA 53177.

The trailers were manufactured by Karavan but the brakes were bled by BRP US Inc.

Contact person with respect to this recall is Marie-Claude Simard, Senior Legal Coun Bombardier Recreational Products Inc., 726 St-Joseph Street, Valcourt, Quebec, Car J0E 2L0, T 450-532-6195, marie-claude.simard@brp.com

• **573.6 (c) (2) Identification of the Vehicles involved in the Recall:**

The vehicles involved some trailers for MY 2007, 2008 and 2009 Sea-Doo Sport Boats. serial numbers of the trailers will be provided shortly.

205 Utopia MY07	537900	19
205 Utopia MY07	538000	80
205 Utopia MY07	538100	89
200 Speedster MY07	538200	219

Speedster WAKE MY07	538300	380
220 Islandia MY07	538400	87
220 Islandia MY07	538500	91
230 Challenger MY07	538600	107
230 Challenger SE MY07	538700	194
230 WAKE MY07	538800	60
230 Challenger MY07	539100	
230 Challenger MY07	539200	14
230 WAKE MY07	539300	1
205 Utopia MY08	0031B1080	85
205 Utopia MY08	0031G1080	81
200 Speedster MY08	0035B1080	151
200 Speedster MY08	0035C1080	47
200 Speedster MY08	0035G1080	249
220 Islandia MY08	0040B1080	50
220 Islandia MY08	0040B2080	14
220 Islandia MY08	0040G1080	53
220 Islandia MY08	0040G2080	26
230 Challenger SE MY08	0044B1080	174
230 Challenger SE MY08	0044B2080	39
230 WAKE MY08	0044C1080	112
230 WAKE MY08	0044C2080	36
230 Challenger SE, 230 WAKE MY08	0044G1080	305
230 Challenger SE, 230 WAKE MY08	0044G2080	101
150 Speedster(custom trailer only) MY09	0S16C1091	46
180 Challenger(custom trailer only) MY09	0S24C1091	19
180 Challenger(custom trailer only) MY09	0S24C1092	17
205 Utopia MY09	0S31G1090	35
205 Utopia MY09	0S31G1100	1
205 Utopia MY09	0S31S1090	23
200 Speedster /Speedster Wake MY09	0S35C1091	9
200 Speedster /Speedster Wake MY09	0S35G1090	65
200 Speedster /Speedster Wake MY09	0S35S1090	58
220 Islandia MY09	0T40G2090	14
220 Islandia MY09	0T40S2090	
230 Challenger SE (custom red) MY09	0T44C2091	5
230 Challenger SE (custom salt) MY09	0T44C2092	4
230 Challenger SP (custom red) MY09	0T44C2093	1
230 WAKE (custom red) MY09	0T44C2094	17
230 Challenger SE, 230 WAKE, 230 SP MY09	0T44G1090	10
230 Challenger SE, 230 WAKE, 230 SP MY09	0T44G2090	155
230 Challenger SE, 230 WAKE, 230 SP MY09	0T44S1090	98
230 Challenger SE, 230 WAKE, 230 SP MY09	0T44S2090	5
Grand Total		3446

• **573.6 (c) (3) Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:**

The number of trailers potentially affected in the United States is approximately 3446.

• **573.6 (c) (4) Estimated percentage of Vehicles with the Defect:**

Unknown. 100% of the recalled vehicles will be subject to the remedy.

573.6 (c) (5) Description of the Defect:

The braking system may not have been properly bled prior to delivery to the dealer network. This may lead to brakes not functioning properly.

• **573.6 (c) (6) Chronology of Events:**

In the summer of 2008, BRP US Inc. received 5 warranty claims and 1 report from a dealer for MY 2008 boats. At the moment of those claims, boat hours were from 0 to 11 during the pre-delivery inspection made by the BRP dealer. No accident or incident reported.

Last fall, during suspension repair work done on trailers in the field by Karavan representatives it was found that 46 trailers of MY 2009 needed to be rebled.

No end-users reported experimenting issues with brakes unbled.

Karavan did not receive any claims, calls or injury reports concerning this issue.

The trailers were manufactured by Karavan but the bleeding of the brakes was performed by BRP before sending the trailer and boat to its dealers.

After investigation, BRP determined that the procedure to bleed those disks brakes may have been followed properly when they left BRP US Inc and in abundance of caution, will conduct a voluntary safety campaign to remedy the condition.

• **573.6 (c) (8) Program for Remedy of Defect:**

BRP is currently preparing in collaboration with Karavan a campaign to remedy the condition.

Karavan will notify each registered owner of the Sport Boats models that could have been equipped with a recalled trailer and provide them a manner to identify easily if their trailer is of the recall campaign. Karavan will also notify BRP's dealers of the campaign. In addition, Karavan will post a letter to dealer's attention on its dealer website along with the safety campaign bulletin. Information about the campaign will also be posted on BRP's public website www.bdp.com. Trailers will be repaired by authorized dealers. All of this will be performed at no charge.

We will send next week the proposed Owner letter, Dealer letter and Safety Recall Bulletin.

Remedy:

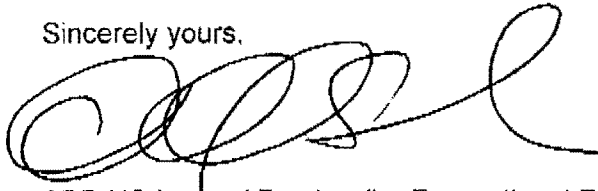
The remedy is to have the dealer re-bleed the braking system following the specific work instructions that will accompany this notification. The details of the remedy procedures will be sent next week.

Remedy Schedule:

We will launch the Safety Recall Campaign on approximately **in the week of April 26, 2010.**

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie-Claude Simard', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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