



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

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NVS-215dgl  
11V-032

DEAR MS. DALEY:

SUBJECT: WHEEL SEPARATION

This letter serves to acknowledge Strick Trailers, LLC'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:**  
STRICK/DRY FREIGHT/2006-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-032

**Mfg's Report Date:** January 20, 2011

**Components:** POWER TRAIN AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 94

**Summary:**

STRICK IS RECALL CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2006-2009 DRY FREIGHT VANS EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR AXLES. THESE VEHICLES HAVE A DEFECT INVOLVING SPINDLE NUTS AND STAKE WASHERS WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS LOW TORQUE ON THE SPINDLE NUT ON ARVINMERITOR TL SERIES TRAILER AXLES INSTALLED IN VAN TRAILERS WHERE THE STAKE WASHER FOR THE NUT IS STAKED IN A SINGLE LOCATION AS OPPOSED TO MULTIPLE LOCATIONS.

**Consequence:**

LOW AND/OR NO TORQUE ON THE NUT CAN RESULT IN EXCESSIVE END-PLAY IN THE WHEEL-END SYSTEM AND COULD PROGRESS TO A WHEEL SEPARATION WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

ARVINMERITOR IS WORKING WITH THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO IDENTIFY AND REPAIR THE VEHICLES THAT CONTAIN THE SUBJECT AXLES FREE OF CHARGE. PLEASE SEE ARVINMERITOR DEFECT REPORT 10E-058. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ARVIN MERITOR AT 1-248-273-4641 OR STRICK AT 1-260-692-1334.

**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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577.

Second paragraph should read, i.e., Strick Trailers, LLC has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain...

Please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>."

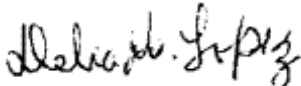
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 your report, ArvinMeritor will be handling the remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If ArvinMeritor's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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,



for

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement