



Stoughton Trailers, LLC

March 26, 2013

Re: Notice of possible defect
NHTSA ID# 13V-025
Trailer Serial #

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear Owner of STOUGHTON Brand Grain Hauler Trailer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Stoughton Trailers, LLC (Stoughton) has decided that defect(s) which may relate to motor vehicle safety exist(s) in model year 2009 – 2011 STOUGHTON brand AHV model trailers (commonly referred to as “Grain Haulers” or “Ag Hoppers”).

!!IMPORTANT!

- **Your STOUGHTON brand Grain Hauler is being recalled.**
- **You should contact your nearest participating dealer or authorized repair shop to arrange for corrective repairs.**

The defects include one or both of the following:

- A. Possible fatigue cracks found in the suspension subframe channels to hopper crossmember front attachment. While Stoughton is unaware of any instance in which a crack in the suspension subframe front attachment has led to a loss of vehicle control or a crash, if such crack(s) develops and is left uncorrected, Stoughton is not able to rule out the possibility that over the life of the trailer, crack(s) in the suspension

subframe front attachments could lead to loss of vehicle control and/or a crash which could result in serious bodily injury or death, as well as property damage.

- B. Possible fatigue cracks in the lower rails in the area just forward of the landing gear of the trailer. Stoughton is not aware of any instances in which the lower rail has completely fractured, or of any instances in which cracking of the lower rail in this area has lead to a loss of vehicle control or a crash. However, Stoughton is not able to rule out the possibility that over the life of the trailer, cracks developing in the lower rail that are not repaired could lead to a failure of the rail at some point. Such a failure could result in serious bodily injury or death, as well as property damage.

The remedies for these issues are as follows. Stoughton will replace the front attachment of the suspension subframe on all trailers covered by this recall. This will be performed according to Stoughton repair document RD-00040. Stoughton will also replace the structure inside the lower rail in the area just forward of the front hopper if it was produced with an aluminum crossmember next to the hopper. This will be performed according to Stoughton repair document RD-00031.

These upgrades will be provided at no charge to the trailer owners when performed at a participating dealer or authorized repair shop. It will take one to two days to complete the work. Attached is a list of participating dealers and authorized repair shops. Please contact one of them to schedule an appointment to have the work done.

If you no longer own this grain trailer, please contact Stoughton to provide the new owner information. Stoughton will then contact the new owner.

If you are the lessor of this vehicle, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days to comply with federal regulations.

If you have already paid to have your grain trailer repaired to correct the aforementioned conditions, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for that repair. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement or if you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Stoughton Customer Service and Warranty Department at:

Tom Daily
Phone: 608-873-2510
Fax: 608-873-2566
Tomd@stoughtontrailers.com

Or Pam Alexander
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If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall you believe you have not been able to have your grain trailer remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 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>. We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern.

Sincerely,

STOUGHTON TRAILERS, LLC

STOUGHTON TRAILERS RECALL 13V-025 AUTHORIZED REPAIR SHOPS

Dealer	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE #	CONTACT
*	JIM HAWK TRUCK & TRAILER	3119 S 9TH STREE	COUNCIL BLUFFS	IA	51501	800-621-7788	RANDY
	JIM HAWK TRUCK & TRAILER	3515 ADVENTURELAND DR	ALTOONA	IA	50009	800-992-3355	KEVIN
	JIM HAWK TRUCK & TRAILER	900 WEST 76TH	DAVENPORT	IA	52806	800-433-8468	MARK
	JIM HAWK TRUCK & TRAILER	5200 S LEWIS BLVD	SIOUX CITY	IA	51106	877-994-8343	JON
	LOVELL TRAILER REPAIR	170 W 18TH	WATERLOO	IA	50702	319-235-7777	PAT
	R & R WELDING	2027 IVANHOE AVE	NEW HAMPTON	IA	50659	341-394-3441	BEN
*	EFFINGHAM TRUCK SALES, INC	1701 W FAYETTE AVE	EFFINGHAM	IL	62401	217-342-5000	SHANNON
	JIM HAWK TRUCK & TRAILER	4001 N. MAIN	EAST PEORIA	IL	61611	800-421-6559	ADAM
*	MCBRIDE MACK SALES & SERV	HIGHWAY 13 EAST	CARBONDALE	IL	62902	618-529-3344	MIKE Y
*	R-EQUIPMENT	3693 EAST 6TH RD	UTICA	IL	61373	825-539-3666	KEVIN
*	R-EQUIPMENT	8789 RTE 64	SYCAMORE	IL	60178	815-899-8998	CHRISTY
*	ILLIANA TRUCK PARTS	909 NORTH 25TH ST	TERRE HAUTE	IN	47803	812-232-6453	JERRY
	RUXER TRUCK	123 PLACE RD	JASPER	IN	47546	800-397-8937	RYAN
*	WICHITA TRAILER	335 E 49TH ST NORTH	PARK CITY	KS	67219	316-832-2800	DAVID
*	MCBRIDE MACK SALES & SERV	155 MCBRIDE LANE	PADUCAH	KY	42001	270-442-7545	DAVID
	B & M TRAILER REPAIR	1122 CENTER ST	MANKATO	MN	56003	507-387-6861	DOUG
*	STAR TRAILERS SALES	1120 CENTER ST	MANKATO	MN	56003	507-625-2234	MIKE
	PRARIE TRAILER	14 INDUSTRIAL BLVD	MORRIS	MN	56267	888-495-5897	JOEL
	GATEWAY TRAILER REPAIR	20 KARYDAN CT	ST CHARLES	MO	63301	636-916-5011	RON
	JIM HAWK TRUCK & TRAILER	7500 NE GARDNER AVE	KANSAS CITY	MO	64120	800-224-5045	BRUCE
*	TRUX TRAILER AND TRACTOR	900 N WEST BYPASS	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65802	417-831-4074	MARK
*	DAKOTA COUNTY TRUCKS	9644 74TH ST SE	LAMOURE	ND	58458	701-883-4400	PHILLIP
	NORTHWEST TRUCK & TRAILER	4020 12TH AVE N	FARGO	ND	58102	701-277-0217	RICH
*	WALLWORKS TRUCK CENTER	900 35TH ST. NW BOD 1819	FARGO	ND	58107	800-937-3003	JOHN A
*	DIAMOND T TRUCK & TRAILER	18550 N HWY 77	BEATRICE	NE	68310	402-223-5500	TRACEY
*	ROWLAND TRUCK & EQUIP	5425 CHILDREN'S HOME- BRADFORD RD	GREENVILLE	OH	45331	937-548-4200	AARON or SCOTT
	UNGER FABRICATION	6963 EATON-GETTSBURG	EATON	OH	45320	937-456-2247	CARRIE
	JIM HAWK TRUCK & TRAILER	1401 E BENSON RD	SIOUX FALLS	SD	57104	800-245-3995	MARK
*	PETERSON MOTORS	120 9TH AVE SE	WATERTOWN	SD	57201	605-886-3990	JOHN
	WHITNEY WELDING	207 BROAD STREET	SOUTH SHORE	SD	57263	605-756-4117	MATT
	FLEETCO INC	3003 BRICK CHURCH PIKE	NASHVILLE	TN	37207	615-256-0600	RICKY
	LANDMARK TRAILERS & TRUCK	4801 RUTLEDGE PIKE	KNOXVILLE	TN	37914	865-546-9781	JR PRATT
*	EAU CLAIRE TRUCK & TRAILER	7918 PARTRIDGE ROAD	EAU CLAIRE	WI	54703	715-874-6820	JIM
*	R-EQUIPMENT	2252 MUNZ RD	DODGEVILLE	WI	53533	608-935-9355	BRIAN
*	STUART TANK SALES CORP	940 E GENEVA ST	ELKHORN	WI	53121	262-723-2200	MATT

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