



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 3, 2014

Ms. Shari Solomon  
General Counsel  
Strick Trailers, LLC  
225 Lincoln Highway  
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

NVS-215MR  
14V-638

**Subject:** Rear Impact Guards need Gusset Reinforcements

Dear Ms. Solomon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Strick Trailers, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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 VAN TRAILER/2009-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 7, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-638

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 29

**Problem Description:**

Strick Trailers, LLC (Strick) is recalling certain model year 2009-2015 Dry Freight Van Trailers manufactured April 25, 2008, to June 5, 2014. The affected trailers are equipped with rear impact guards using gusset part numbers 40033/40034, 43191/43192, 63133/63134 or 67046/67047. The rear impact guards with these gussets do not meet federal standards for strength and energy absorption. As such, these trailers do not comply with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 223, "Rear Impact Guards."

**Consequence:**

If the trailer is struck from behind and the rear impact guards do not meet the required standards, there is an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Strick has notified owners, and the rear impact guards of the trailers will be reinforced, free of charge. The recall began on November 26, 2014. Owners may contact Strick customer service at 1-704-436-2590.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the test results and other information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Include the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement