



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Dan Grote
Wilson Trailer Company
4400 South Lewis Boulevard
Sioux City, IA 51106

NVS-215MR
15V-440

Subject: Cracking Welds may Result in Trailer Separation

Dear Mr. Grote:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wilson Trailer Company'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:

WILSON/GRAIN TRAILER/2006-2015

Mfr's Report Date: July 2, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-440

Components: TRAILER HITCHES; FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,890

Problem Description:

Wilson Trailer Company (Wilson) is recalling certain model year 2006-2015 Grain trailers manufactured January 1, 2006, to March 31, 2015. In the the affected trailers, the welds that attach the bolster plate to the pickup plate around the kingpin may fail. Failure of these welds may result in the kingpin separating from the pickup plate.

Consequence:

If the kingpin separates from the pickup plate, the trailer could detach from the tractor, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Wilson will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the aluminum kingpin assemblies for cracked or failed welds, repairing them as necessary. Additionally, a new forged steel kingpin will be installed with supplemental fasteners. These repairs will be performed free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 30, 2015. Owners may contact Wilson customer service at 1-800-798-2002. Wilson's number for this recall is 323D.

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.

We have received Wilson's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please amend your Defect Information report to provide the dates of the reported bolster plates cracks as well as the events between the February 2015 pickup plate crack and the July filing of this recall.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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