



**STRICK TRAILERS, LLC**

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Fairless Hills  
Pennsylvania, USA  
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**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

**This notice applies to your vehicles  
identified on the enclosed spreadsheet**

**NHTSA Recall No. 15V-781**

January 13, 2016

**CERTIFIED MAIL – R.R.R.**



Dear Mr. 

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

Strick Trailers, LLC (“Strick Trailers”) has decided that certain 28 ft. dry freight van trailers, model number S4280E99NFWO, as identified on the enclosed spreadsheet, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 223 “Rear Impact Guards”.

The noncompliance is in regards to the curbside and roadside rear impact guard gussets. Strick Trailers identifies the gussets with the numbers 46829 and 46830. These gussets do not meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 223 pertaining to rear impact guards. This could increase the risk of injury in the event of a rear impact crash.

In order to remedy the noncompliance, it will be necessary to reinforce the curbside and roadside rear impact guard gussets in accordance with the instructions (Drawing 705703) attached to this letter. We will supply the new reinforcement parts without cost and will ship them to multiple locations at your request. The parts necessary to reinforce the gussets are expected to be available for delivery beginning on February 2, 2016. We will also reimburse you for the reasonable direct labor costs involved in effecting the repair or will have the repair facilities bill us directly. The work to reinforce the rear impact guard gussets will take approximately two and one half hours to perform.

We will make ourselves available to answer any questions that arise during the course of this modification program, and, if requested, assist you in locating qualified repair facilities. We will also provide training or any



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other support you need. If you need any assistance, please contact me, Jerry Clontz, at [jclontz@diamatrix.net](mailto:jclontz@diamatrix.net) or 1-704-436-2590.

Invoices for completed work should be submitted with authorization number M201 [REDACTED] and a list of vehicle identification numbers for the serviced equipment to:

Strick Trailers, LLC  
301 N. Polk Street  
Monroe, IN 46772

If you have had your vehicle repaired prior to receipt of this notice, you may be entitled to reimbursement if you incurred any out-of-pocket cost due to this matter. For further information, please contact us at 1-704-436-2590.

Federal law requires any lessor who receives a notification of a determination of a safety-related defect or noncompliance pertaining to any leased motor vehicle to send the notice to the lessee within 10 days.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety, and we have notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of this program. If you are unable to have these defects remedied without charge, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Defects Investigation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Alternatively, you may call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Clontz

**STRICK TRAILERS, LLC #705703 / REAR IMPACT GUARD FIELD RETROFIT INSTRUCTIONS:**

**NOTE:** THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND DIAGRAMS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE EXISTING STRICK O.E.M. REAR IMPACT GUARD. THE PERSON(S) PERFORMING THE WORK SHOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH HEREIN AND BE FAMILIAR WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS PART 393.86 (REAR IMPACT GUARDS AND REAR IMPACT PROTECTION) AND/OR CANADA MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD 223 (REAR IMPACT GUARD).

ALL WELDING IS TO BE PERFORMED BY A QUALIFIED PERSON(S) WITH SUITABLE EQUIPMENT TO PERFORM THE NECESSARY STEPS AS LAID OUT BELOW. WELDING RODS AND/OR WIRE TO BE E70/ER70S OR EQUAL.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:**

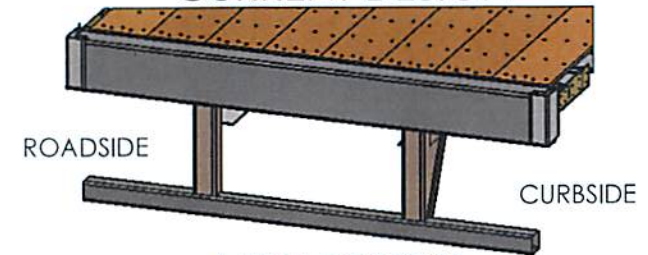
- STRICK REAR IMPACT GUARD (RIG) ASSEMBLIES OR COMPONENTS MUST NOT BE INSTALLED ON OTHER MANUFACTURERS' TRAILERS.
- BEFORE BEGINNING THE WORK, MAKE CERTAIN THE TRAILER IS CHOCKED TO PREVENT MOVEMENT. USE A CONSPICUOUS SIGN, BARRIER OR OTHER METHOD TO PREVENT A TRACTOR FROM BACKING UNDER THE TRAILER DURING THE REPAIR PROCESS.
- PROPER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE WORN AT ALL TIMES DURING REAR IMPACT GUARD UPGRADE.

**STEPS:**

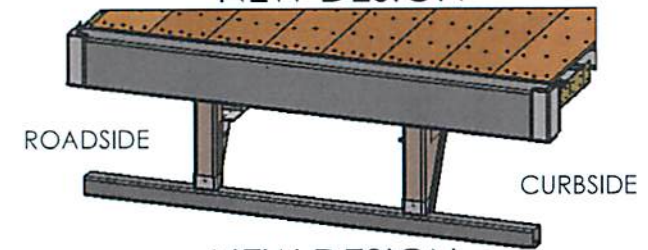
1. INSPECT ALL EXISTING SURFACES FOR EXCESSIVE CORROSION, CRACKING AND OTHER DEFECTS.
2. ANY DEFECTS FOUND IN THE REAR SILL, BASEPLATE OR BOGIE SUPPORT TUBES SHOULD BE REPAIRED PRIOR TO THE RIG UPGRADE. (IN THE EVENT OF DAMAGED WELDS PLEASE CONTACT STRICK TRAILERS LLC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AT 260-692-6121 FOR ASSISTANCE AND FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS).
3. PREPARE ALL SURFACES TO BE WELDED INCLUDING EXISTING AND NEW BY EXPOSING THE BARE METAL AT THE LOCATION OF THE WELD.
4. POSITION AND WELD ITEM ① AS SHOWN ON SHEET 2.
5. POSITION AND WELD ITEM ② AS SHOWN ON SHEET 2.
6. POSITION AND WELD ITEM ③ ON THE ROADSIDE AND CURBSIDE GUSSET AS SHOWN ON SHEET 2.
7. POSITION AND WELD ITEM ④ IN THE ROADSIDE AND CURBSIDE SUBFRAME CHANNEL AS SHOWN ON SHEET 2.
8. ALLOW ALL NEW WELDS TO COOL BEFORE THOROUGHLY CLEANING AND APPLYING UNDERCOATING, PRIMER, PAINT, OR EQUIVALENT TO PREVENT CORROSION.
9. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE REAR IMPACT GUARD RETROFIT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO STRICK TRAILERS LLC ENGINEERING AT 260-692-6121.

REVISIONS				
E.C.N. NO.	REV.	REMARKS	DATE	DRN
	A	CHANGED PARTS FROM GALVANIZED TO PRIMED. ADDED PRIMER TO BOM	12/22/15	JMK

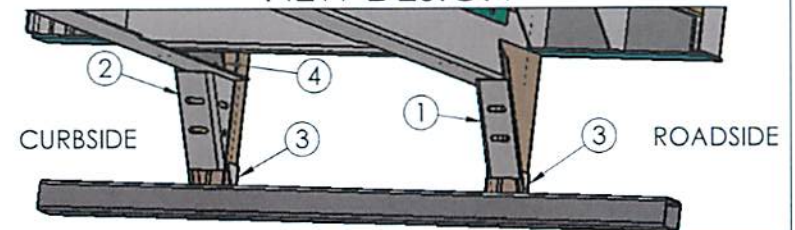
**CURRENT DESIGN**



**NEW DESIGN**



**NEW DESIGN**



MATERIAL: x

TOLERANCES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED: FABRICATED PARTS DECIMAL = ±.005" ASSEMBLY = ±.031" ANGULAR ±1°	DRAWN JMK	DATE 11/18/2015
	CHECKED	DATE

<b>STRICK</b>	STRICK TRAILERS, LLC MONROE, IN 46772	SW
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FIELD, INST, RIG, NA VL, 46829/30 FIX, 0045

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PART NUMBER: 705703/

