



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

March 25, 2016

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

NVS-215MR
16V-130

Subject: Rear Impact Guards/FMVSS 223

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/SINGLE AXLE VAN TRAILER/2001, 2003, 2005, 2008-2012

Mfr's Report Date: March 2, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-130

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 233

Problem Description:

Strick Trailers, LLC (Strick) is recalling certain model year 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2008-2012 Single axle van trailers equipped with rear impact guards using gussets 50185 and 50186. These rear impact guard gussets increase the chances of injury in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 223, "Rear Impact Guards."

Consequence:

If the rear impact guards do not meet the safety standards, it can increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Strick will notify owners, and dealers will install reinforcements free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 29, 2016. 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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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