



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

April 28, 2016

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

NEF-150MR  
16V-212

**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/2004

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 12, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-212

**Components:**

STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 460

**Problem Description:**

Strick Trailers, LLC (Strick) is recalling certain model year 2004 Single axle 28 foot van trailers, model S4280E99NFOWW, manufactured August 1, 2003, to October 31, 2003 and equipped with rear impact guards using gussets 52236 and 52237. 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 service centers will install reinforcements to the rear impact guards, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin June 10, 2016. Owners may contact Strick customer service at 1-260-692-1300.

**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:

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](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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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