



STRICK TRAILERS, LLC

225 Lincoln Highway

Fairless Hills

Pennsylvania, USA

19030.0009

215.949.3600



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

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

NHTSA Recall No. 16V-234

June 15, 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL – R.R.R.

Bright Truck Leasing
Attn: David Erickson
3115 Denton Drive
Garland, TX 75041

Dear Mr. Erickson,

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 a certain dry freight van trailer, model number S4280E99NSWO, identified on the enclosed spreadsheet, fails 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 55997 and 55998. 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 706641) 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 June 26, 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 or 1-704-436-2590.

Invoices for completed work should be submitted with authorization number L2016004 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

<u>Customer</u>	<u>Vins</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Date of Manufacture</u>	<u>Model Description</u>
Bright Truck Leasing	1S11E92889E524035	Strick	S4280E99NSWO	2009	02/03/09	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
1	Total trailers					

STRICK TRAILERS, LLC #706641 / 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.

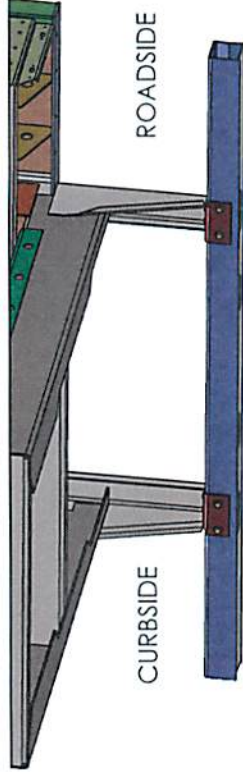
SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- 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.

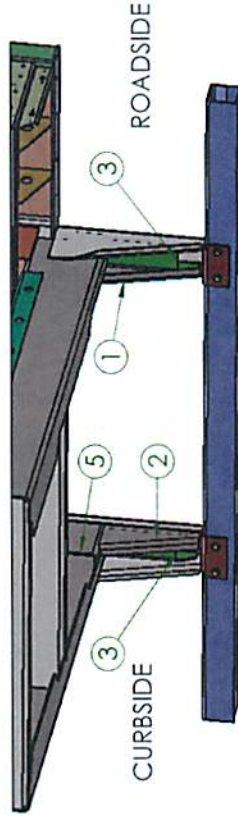
STEPS:

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).
1. STRICK TRAILERS, LLC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIRS AS DETERMINED FROM THE SUBSEQUENT INSPECTION IN THE STEPS LISTED ABOVE. ANY REPAIRS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EQUIPMENT'S OWNER AS IT PERTAINS TO THE SAFE OPERATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT UNDER TITLE 49, VOLUME 5, CHAPTER III, PARTS 300-399 OF THE FMCSA RULES AND REGULATIONS.
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 (4) AND (5) ON THE ROADSIDE AND CURBSIDE SUBFRAME CHANNELS AS SHOWN ON SHEET 2. BE SURE TO SLIDE ITEM (4) AND (5) TIGHT AGAINST THE REAR FRAME BASEPLATE.
5. POSITION AND WELD ITEM (3) ON THE ROADSIDE AND CURBSIDE AS SHOWN ON SHEET 2.
6. POSITION AND WELD ITEM (1) AS SHOWN ON SHEET 2.
7. POSITION AND WELD ITEM (2) AS SHOWN ON SHEET 2.
8. WELD THE INSIDE OF THE ORIGINAL GUSSET TO THE BOGIE TUBE AS SHOWN IN SECTION C-C ON SHEET 2.
9. ALLOW ALL NEW WELDS TO COOL BEFORE THOROUGHLY CLEANING AND APPLYING UNDERCOATING, PRIMER, PAINT, OR EQUIVALENT TO PREVENT CORROSION.
10. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE REAR IMPACT GUARD RETROFIT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO STRICK TRAILERS LLC ENGINEERING AT 260-692-6121.

CURRENT DESIGN

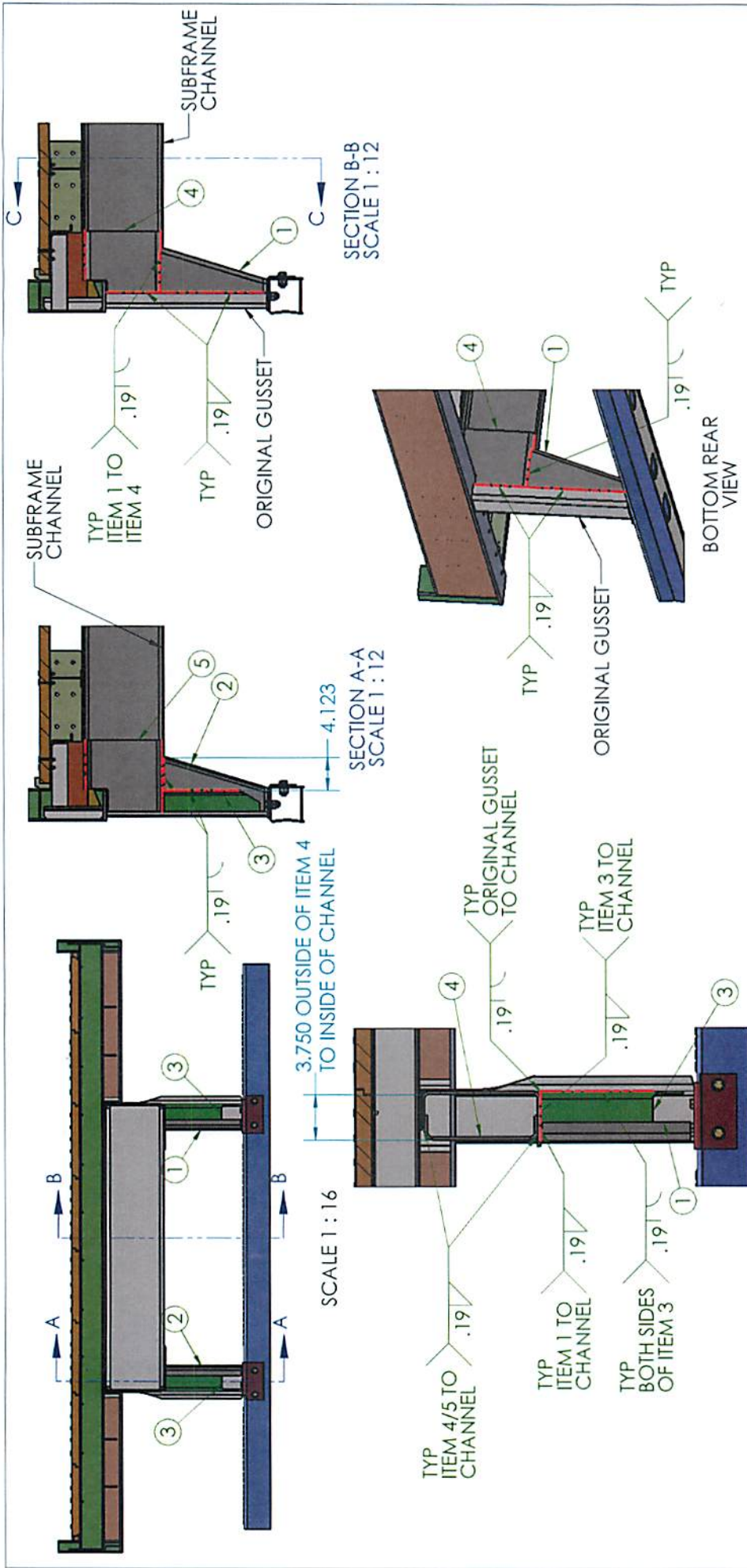


NEW DESIGN



MATERIAL: X

FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL FABRICATED PARTS DECIMAL = 1.00"		DRAWN JMK	DATE 04/25/2016	STRICK TRAILERS, LLC	MONROE IN 48172	SW
ASSEMBLY'S DECIMAL = 2.00"		SCHEDULED	DATE	FIELD INST. RIG. BTL. 55997/198 FIX.0070		
ANGLE/LAR 21"		THIS DRAWING IS LOANED FOR PURPOSE OF ENGINEERING STUDY ONLY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT SHALL BE HELD IN CONFIDENCE AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF STRICK TRAILERS, LLC. IT IS NOT TO BE REPRODUCED, COPIED, OR TRANSMITTED IN ANY FORM OR BY ANY MEANS, WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF STRICK TRAILERS, LLC. ANY INFORMATION FOR MAKING OF DRAWINGS PRINTS APPARATUS OR EQUIPMENT SHALL BE THE PROPERTY OF STRICK TRAILERS, LLC. ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXPRESS WRITTEN CONSENT OF STRICK TRAILERS, LLC.		GUSSETS 55997/55998		
No.		706641		706641		
Sheet Lot 2		706641				



ITEM NO.	QTY.	PART NUMBER	Description
1	1	706506	BMPR,GUS, FIX, REINF, RS, 55997, SNG BD, NOTCH
2	1	706507	BMPR,GUS, FIX, REINF, CS, 55997, SNG BD, NOTCH
3	2	706472	BMPR,GUS, FIX, INNER CHAN, 52236, 1/4" MAT
4	1	706519	BMPR,GUS, FIX, BOGIE CHAN, REINF, RS, 55997
5	1	706520	BMPR,GUS, FIX, BOGIE CHAN, REINF, CS, 55997

DRAWN: JMK DATE: 04/25/2016 CHECKED:		MATERIAL: X STRICK TRAILERS, LLC MONROE, IN 46772 SW	
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706641 SHEET 2 OF 2		706641	