



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 3, 2017

Mr. Tom Daily
Customer Service Mgr
Stoughton Trailers, LLC
416 S. Academy St
Stoughton, WI 53589

NEF-150MR
17V-259

Subject: Cracked Welds on the Suspension Front Hangers

Dear Mr. Daily:

This letter serves to acknowledge Stoughton 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:

STOUGHTON/DAVW/2017-2018
STOUGHTON/DVW/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: April 19, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-259

Components:

SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,188

Problem Description:

Stoughton Trailers, LLC (Stoughton) is recalling certain 2017-2018 DAVW and DVW 285S dry van single-axle trailers. The outside welds that attach the front suspension hangers to the subframe may crack, allowing the front hanger to detach.

Consequence:

If the hangers detach, the axle assemblies will break loose from the trailer causing a loss of vehicle control and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Stoughton will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the front hanger for cracks, repairing them as necessary. Dealers will also install gussets inside the subframe, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Stoughton customer service at 1-608-873-2500.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

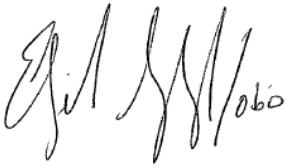
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

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 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', with a date '1/1/06' written at the end of the signature.

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