



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Francis Smidler  
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Stoughton Trailers, LLC  
416 South Academy Street  
Stoughton, WI 53589

NVS-215KS  
14V-268

**Subject:** Trailer Suspension Pivot Bolt Failure

Dear Mr. Smidler:

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/AHV/2014  
STOUGHTON/AVW/2014  
STOUGHTON/AVXW/2014  
STOUGHTON/ZGPVW/2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 21, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-268

**Components:**

SUSPENSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 553

**Problem Description:**

Stoughton Trailers, LLC (Stoughton) is recalling certain 2014 AVW trailers manufactured October 22, 2013, through December 18, 2013, AVXW trailers manufactured December 3, 2013, through December 16, 2013, ZGPVW trailers manufactured October 17, 2013, through December 17, 2013, and AHV trailers manufactured November 5, 2013, through November 21, 2013, and equipped with certain SAF-Holland-brand CXB Trailer Suspension Air Ride Axle Systems. The affected trailer suspensions have pivot bolts that may fail.

**Consequence:**

Failure of the pivot bolts may cause the suspension and attached axle to separate from the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Stoughton will notify owners, and SAF-Holland-approved repair shops will replace the defective pivot bolts with new pivot bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by mid-July 2014. Owners may contact Stoughton customer service at 1-608-873-2500, or SAF-Holland customer service at 1-888-396-6501.

**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).

We understand that SAF-Holland will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Stoughton is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Stoughton to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@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,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement