

Mr. Donald E. Paylor
Director of Warranty & Service
Trailmobile Trailer LLC
1000 North 14th Street
Charleston, IL 61920

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00V-102.001

Dear Mr. Paylor:

We have reviewed Trailmobile Trailer LLC's (Trailmobile) Defect Information Report received April 7, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 345 Trailmobile 1996-2000 cargo van trailers equipped with ConMet PreGreased trailer hubs and manufactured from November 1996 through January 2000. The outboard bearing on the PreGreased trailer axle hubs used with the tire inflation systems may fail due to the intrusion of contaminants through the tire inflation system. **The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-102.001.**

Trailmobile is responsible for the remedy of these trucks from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Notification to Purchasers

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577. Part 577.5 also specifies the minimal information which must be provided: (1) a clear description of the defect, (2) an evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety, (3) a statement of the measures to be taken to obtain the remedy, (4) the defect/noncompliance will be remedied without charge, (5) the earliest date on which the defect/noncompliance will be remedied, and (6) a description of the procedure to be followed by the recipient of the notification in informing the Secretary (NHTSA Administrator) whenever a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer fails or is unable to remedy without charge such defect or failure to comply. The procedure should be to the effect that if the owner is unable to have the defect/noncompliance remedied without charge within a reasonable amount of time, the owner could notify:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236). These requirements need to be added to your owner notification letter for this and any future recall campaign notifications. A second notification letter on this recall, in full compliance with Part 577, may be required depending on the performance of this recall.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. The current quarter began April 1 and ends on June 30, 2000. If owner notification occurs during this time period, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 2000.

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Trailmobile to more than one

distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance