



WORLD LEADER SINCE 1946

December 4, 2003

Platinum Propane of North Carolina
ATTN: Alex Churchill
1309 Buck Shoals Rd.
Hamptonville, NC 27020

Dear Sir:

REF: NHTSA Recall Number 03V-441

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Hackney a division of Specialized Vehicles Corporation has decided that Hackney doubles trailers manufactured between December 2002 and June 2003 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121 Air Brake Systems. Hackney's records indicate that you are the owner of one or more of these.

Description of noncompliance – FMVSS 121 requires vehicles which tow another air-braked vehicle (the "second trailer") to provide continuous electrical power to the antilock system of the second trailer while the tractor ignition is switched "on". This continuous power is not provided to the rear electrical connector on your trailer which can tow a second trailer.

Power is provided to the antilock system of the second trailer from the stop lamp circuit when the brakes are applied so its antilock system is functioning during brake application. However, this is not a continuous power source and does not meet the requirement for continuous power.

The consequences of this are: (1) if a fault were to occur in the antilock system of the second trailer, the ABS lamp on the side of the second trailer would not indicate it until the brakes were applied and (2) fault codes stored in the antilock system of the second trailer would not be able to be read at the front of the first trailer because they are accessed on the continuous power line. Failure of the trailer's antilock brake system could result in loss of control during braking and a crash without warning.

What Hackney will do – Hackney will send you a jumper harness and instructions for installing the harness. The estimated time for this installation is one hour. Enclosed in this letter is a card which you should complete and return to Hackney after you finish the installation. Then Hackney will send you a check for \$60 to reimburse you for labor incurred in installing the harness.

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What you should do – As soon as possible install the jumper harness in your trailer and return the card to Hackney.

If you have already corrected the wiring deficiency in your trailer – Note on the return card that you furnished parts and include your receipt for parts when returning the card to Hackney. Then Hackney will reimburse you for the parts and \$60 for labor. You may keep the harness Hackney sent you at no charge.

If you are a vehicle lessor – Federal regulation requires that you forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you need help – If you have questions about this recall or have difficulty installing parts, please call the Hackney Parts & Warranty Supervisor at 800-763-0700.

Complaints - You may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4238 if you believe that:

- (A) Hackney has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge.
- (B) Hackney has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge within 60 days unless the period is extended by the Administrator.

We are sorry for any inconvenience. We trust that you will give prompt attention to this matter in the interest of the safety of your vehicle.

Regards,



Gene Newman
Parts & Warranty Supervisor

Enclosure

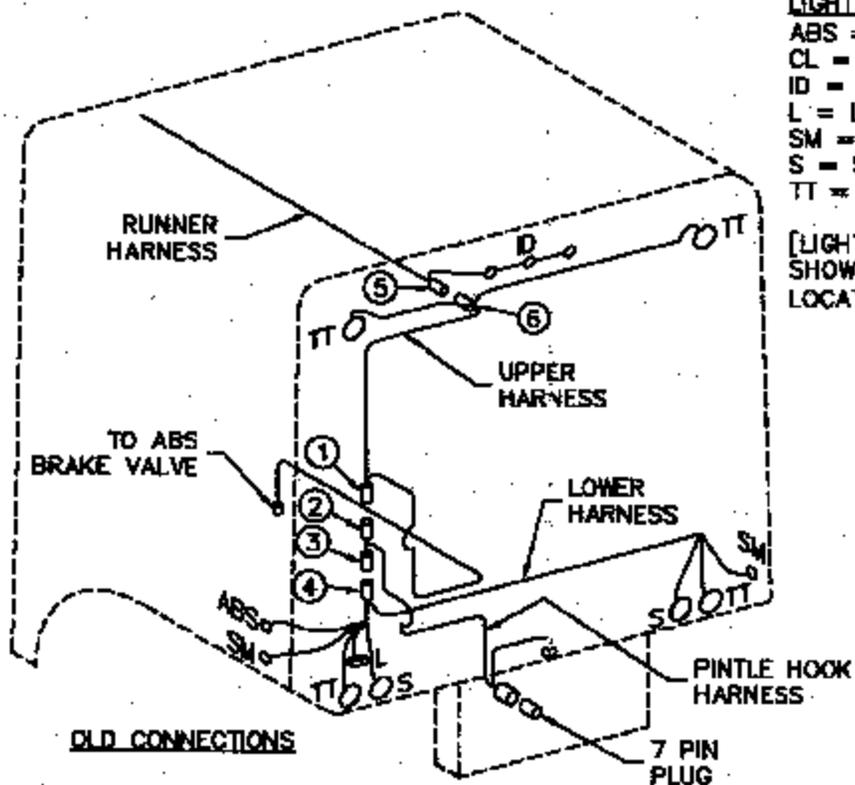
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Trailer with Hackney serial number 03E00122

_____ Pintle hook jumper harness has been installed.

Customer company Platinum Propane of NC, LLC

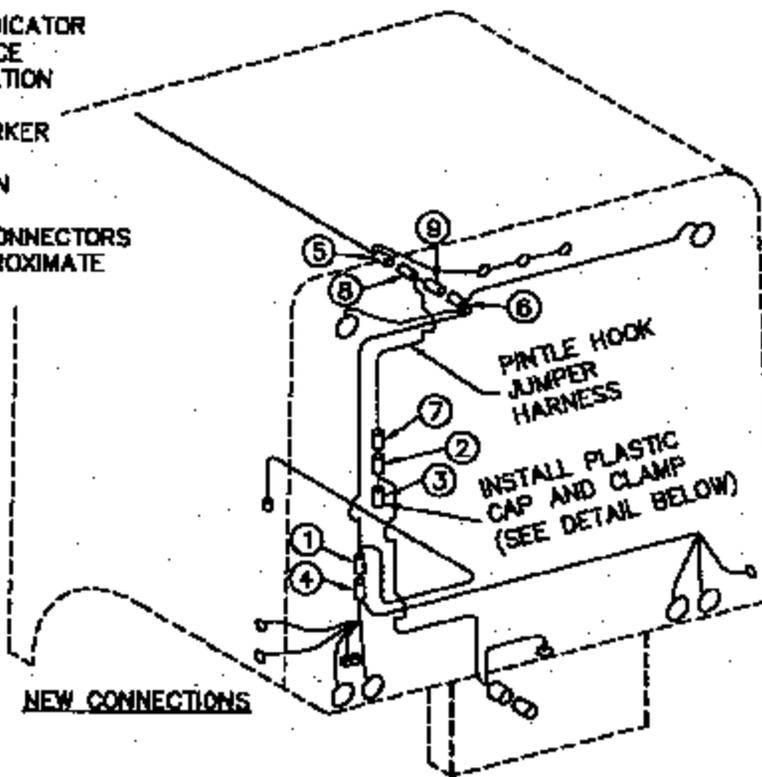
Signed _____ Date _____



LIGHT CODE

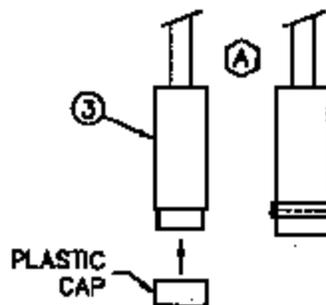
ABS = ABS INDICATOR
 CL = CLEARANCE
 ID = IDENTIFICATION
 L = LICENSE
 SM = SIDE MARKER
 S = STOP
 TT = TAIL/TURN

[LIGHTS AND CONNECTORS SHOWN IN APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS]



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. REMOVE STREETSIDE LOWER TAIL/TURN LAMP (TT) FOR ACCESS TO HARNESS CONNECTORS.
2. UNPLUG CONNECTOR #1 FROM #2 AND #3 FROM #4.
3. PLUG #1 AND #4 TOGETHER.
4. FROM INSIDE STREETSIDE REAR BAY, DROP ONE-CONNECTOR END #7 OF PINTLE HOOK JUMPER HARNESS DOWN THROUGH HOLE WHERE UPPER HARNESS RUNS.
5. THROUGH TT HOLE, PLUG CONNECTOR #7 TO MALE #2.
6. COVER FEMALE #3 WITH PLASTIC CAP AND RETAIN CAP WITH CLAMP.
7. PUT CONNECTORS BACK INSIDE REAR WALL AND REPLACE TAIL/TURN LAMP.
8. BACK INSIDE TRAILER, UNPLUG CONNECTOR #5 FROM #6.
9. PLUG #5 TO MALE #8 OF JUMPER HARNESS AND #6 TO FEMALE #9 OF JUMPER HARNESS.
10. TIE WRAP ANY EXTRA HARNESS LENGTH TO KEEP IT OUT OF BAYS.



LOCATE CLAMP HALF ON #3 AND HALF ON PLASTIC CAP. SQUEEZE CLAMP AS TIGHT AS IT WILL GO WITH PLIERS.

ITEM	HACKNEY #
P/H JUMPER HARNESS	811379
PLASTIC CAP	811382
CLAMP	811381

26 NOV 03	A	ADDED PLASTIC CAP/CLAMP DETAIL	JPB
DATE	SYM	REVISION RECORD	AUTH DRFT.
<small>DESIGNED BY: JPB DRAWN BY: JPB CHECKED BY: JPB APPROVED BY: JPB</small>		 Designers/Manufacturers of TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS <small>WASHINGTON, DC 20000-0000</small>	
<small>WORK BY: JPB DATE: 24 OCT 03 PROJECT BY: JPB</small>	PINTLE HOOK JUMPER HARNESS INSTALLATION SINGLE AXLE TRAILER (DOUBLES TRAILER)		
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