



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-288** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **June 10, 2004**

Date Faxed: **June 22, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Trailmobile Canada Limited**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Donald Brown, Director of Engineering
John Pratte**

FAX: **870-802-3940/217-348-0421**

SUBJECT: 1,224 Trailmobile 2004-2005 trailers and vans equipped with a specific brake chamber and manufactured from October 28, 2003 through June 4, 2004. The chamber has a pushrod length that is shorter than recommended and could result in reduced braking force under certain conditions.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not quite meet the requirements of Part 577.

- (1) Please change the word "determined" to "decided" in the first sentence of the second paragraph per regulations.
- (2) Please add a risk at the end of the second paragraph, i.e., which could result in a crash without warning.
- (3) A paragraph needs to be added concerning leased vehicles, i.e, Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.
- (4) A paragraph needs to be added concerning reimbursement to owners for repairs performed prior to the recall, i.e., If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact (list the company's name, address and a phone number).

- (5) Please remove the reference to the Washington, DC phone number in your last paragraph. This number is no longer in service.
- (6) I have reviewed your proposed envelope and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

After making these changes, the letter should be ready for you to mail to customers. Please let me know when the actual mailing takes place and, as usual, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during June or July 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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