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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590
RMD.ODI@dot.gov

Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Administrator:

Please be advised that Strick Trailers, LLC ("Strick Trailers") has determined that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards exists in the vehicles listed in the attached spreadsheet and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 573, Sec. 573.6:

1. Full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer:

Strick Trailers, LLC
301 N. Polk Street
Monroe, IN 46772

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2. Identification of the recall population: The recall population includes all Strick fixed suspension dry freight van trailers equipped with a Strick rear impact guard that uses gusset part



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numbers 59653 and 59654. Trailers equipped with these rear impact guard gussets were manufactured between March 2010 and March 2014. The attached spreadsheet sets forth the make, model, model years, vehicle identification numbers and manufacturing dates of the recalled vehicles. The recall population was determined through identification of all vehicles whose rear impact guard incorporates gusset part numbers 59653 and 59654.

3. The total number of vehicles in the recall population: 67, as listed on the attached spreadsheet.
4. Estimated percent with noncompliance: The percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the noncompliance is 100%.
5. Description of noncompliance: The rear impact guards using gussets 59653 and 59654 do not meet the standards set forth in FMVSS 223. This could increase the risk of injury in the event of a rear impact crash.
6. Chronology of events:
 - (a) On March 18, 2014, Strick Trailers determined that the design of a rear impact guard using gussets 59653 and 59654 may not have been verified using prescribed test procedures.
 - (b) On June 26, 2014, Strick Trailers tested a rear impact guard assembly containing gussets 59653 and 59654. The test was conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in FMVSS 223. Analysis of the test results indicated that the assembly did not meet the requirements of FMVSS 223.
 - (c) Between June 26, 2014 and July 7, 2014, Strick Trailers confirmed the population of vehicles whose rear impact guard incorporates gussets 59653 and 59654.
 - (d) On July 8, 2014, Strick Trailers began the process of identifying and testing an appropriate remedy. Remedy alternatives under consideration include reinforcement of the existing rear impact guard or replacement of the rear impact guard gussets.
7. Remedy plan: Strick Trailers intends to supply and pay for the installation of reinforcements to the rear impact guard or, alternatively, the replacement of the rear impact guard gussets, depending on the outcome of the remedy design and testing currently underway. The remedy plan will be set forth in greater detail in the proposed customer notification letter to be provided to NHTSA within 45 days from the date hereof. Strick Trailers will notify all affected customers within 5 days of NHTSA's approval of the proposed customer notification letter.
8. Representative communications: The proposed form of customer notification letter will be provided to NHTSA for approval within 45 days from the date hereof.



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9. Manufacturer's campaign number: Not yet assigned.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shari M. Solomon".

Shari M. Solomon

General Counsel

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<u>Customer</u>	<u>VIN</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Date of Manufacture</u>	<u>Model Description</u>
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9287D	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	01/09/12	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9289D	Strick	G4280E99NFWO	2013	12/21/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9282D	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	09/24/12	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9284D	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	09/27/12	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9284D	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	01/21/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9286D	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	01/14/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9288D	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	01/14/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E928XD	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	01/15/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9286D	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	12/05/12	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9288D	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	01/17/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E928XD	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2013	01/21/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9281E	Strick	S4280E99NFOPW	2014	06/06/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9283E	Strick	S4280E99NFOPW	2014	06/10/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9285E	Strick	S4280E99NFOPW	2014	06/10/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9287E	Strick	S4280E99NFOPW	2014	06/10/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Boston Trailer Sales, LLC	1S11E9289E	Strick	S4280E99NFOPW	2014	06/10/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Lone Star Truck Group	1S11E9284C	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2012	10/10/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
NGAL-PFO-PC	1S11E9286C	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2012	10/18/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E928XC	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	12/12/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E9281C	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	12/05/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E9284C	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	12/06/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E9286C	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	11/14/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E9288C	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	12/08/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E928XC	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	12/12/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E9281C	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	12/05/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer

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Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E9287C	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	12/12/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E9289C	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	11/16/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Northwest Trailer Sales & Service, Inc.	1S11E9280C	Strick	S7280E99NFWO	2012	12/05/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Prime Trailer Leasing	1S11E9283C	Strick	S4280E99NSWO	2012	09/06/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Prime Trailer Leasing	1S11E9288C	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2012	12/01/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Prime Trailer Leasing	1S11E928XC	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2012	12/01/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Redline Truck and Trailer Sales	1S11E9288E	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2014	10/31/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Redline Truck and Trailer Sales	1S11E928XE	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2014	10/31/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Redline Truck and Trailer Sales	1S11E9281E	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2014	11/06/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
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Redline Truck and Trailer Sales	1S11E9285E	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2014	11/06/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Redline Truck and Trailer Sales	1S11E9287E	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2014	11/06/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Redline Truck and Trailer Sales	1S11E9289E	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2014	11/06/13	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9291B	Strick	S4290E99NFWP	2011	03/08/10	Single axle 29 foot van trailer equipped with pintle hook
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9293B	Strick	S4290E99NFWP	2011	03/08/10	Single axle 29 foot van trailer equipped with pintle hook
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9290B	Strick	S4290E99NFWP	2011	03/08/10	Single axle 29 foot van trailer equipped with pintle hook
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9299B	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2011	07/28/10	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9290B	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2011	07/28/10	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9293C	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2012	08/03/11	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9295C	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2012	08/03/11	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9290D	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2013	08/01/12	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9292D	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2013	08/01/12	Single axle 29 foot van trailer

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Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9292E	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2014	02/07/13	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9294E	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2014	02/07/13	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9299E	Strick	S4290E99NFPW	2014	08/20/13	Single axle 29 foot van trailer equipped with pintle hook
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9290E	Strick	S4290E99NFPW	2014	08/20/13	Single axle 29 foot van trailer equipped with pintle hook
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9291F	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2015	03/18/14	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Reliable Trailer Systems	1S11E9293F	Strick	S4290E99NFW	2015	03/18/14	Single axle 29 foot van trailer
Superior Trailer Sales	1S11E9370C	Strick	S4370E99NFW	2012	09/21/11	Single axle 37 foot van trailer
Superior Trailer Sales	1S11E9372C	Strick	S4370E99NFW	2012	09/21/11	Single axle 37 foot van trailer
Superior Trailer Sales	1S11E9374C	Strick	S4370E99NFW	2012	09/21/11	Single axle 37 foot van trailer
Superior Trailer Sales	1S11E9376C	Strick	S4370E99NFW	2012	09/22/11	Single axle 37 foot van trailer
Superior Trailer Sales	1S11E9378C	Strick	S4370E99NFW	2012	09/22/11	Single axle 37 foot van trailer
Superior Trailer Sales	1S11E937XC	Strick	S4370E99NFW	2012	09/27/11	Single axle 37 foot van trailer
Superior Trailer Sales	1S11E9371C	Strick	S4370E99NFW	2012	09/22/11	Single axle 37 foot van trailer
Superior Trailer Sales	1S11E9373C	Strick	S4370E99NFW	2012	09/22/11	Single axle 37 foot van trailer
Wilson Trucking Corp.	1S11E9289C	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2012	08/25/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Wilson Trucking Corp.	1S11E9280C	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2012	08/25/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
Wilson Trucking Corp.	1S11E9282C	Strick	S4280E99NFWO	2012	08/25/11	Single axle 28 foot van trailer
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