



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 24, 2015

Ms. Shari Solomon
General Counsel
Strick Trailers, LLC
225 Lincoln Highway
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

NVS-215KS
15V-543

Subject: Rear Impact Guard Insufficient Strength/FMVSS 223

Dear Ms. Solomon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Strick 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:

STRICK/VAN TRAILER/2001, 2009

Mfr's Report Date: August 27, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-543

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 33

Problem Description:

Strick Trailers, LLC (Strick) is recalling certain model year 2001 Van Trailers manufactured October 11, 2000, and 2009 Van Trailers manufactured March 12, 2008, to March 17, 2008. The affected trailers may be equipped with rear impact guards that may not be strong enough to prevent a vehicle from traveling under a trailer in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 223, "Rear Impact Guards."

Consequence:

If the trailer is rear ended by a automobile, the guard may fail to prevent the automobile from traveling under the trailer, increasing the risk of injury to the driver of the automobile.

Remedy:

Strick will notify owners, and dealers will install reinforcements to the rear impact guards, or replace the impact guard gussets, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late October 2015. Owners may contact Strick customer service at 1-260-692-1300.

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.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement