



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

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Washington, DC 20590

February 18, 2016

Tom Daily  
Customer Service Mgr  
Stoughton Trailers, LLC  
416 S. Academy St  
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NVS-215MR  
16V-050

**Subject:** Incorrectly Positioned Panel on Grain Trailer

Dear Tom Daily:

This letter serves to acknowledge Stoughton 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:**

STOUGHTON/HOPPER/2009-2010

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 28, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-050

**Components:**

STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 652

**Problem Description:**

Stoughton Trailers, LLC (Stoughton) is recalling certain 2009-2010 Grain Hopper trailers manufactured December 17, 2007, to December 1, 2009. The affected trailers may have an incorrectly positioned panel in the hopper assembly or the lower part of the cargo area of the trailer.

**Consequence:**

The incorrectly positioned panel may separate, allowing the cargo to spill onto the roadway. Additionally, the trailer could have a major structural failure. Either scenario increases the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Stoughton will notify owners and dealers will reinforce the hopper connections, as necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Stoughton customer service at 1-608-873-2555.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Stoughton Trailers' proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please amend the Defect Information report to include your remedy plan as described in your owner notification letter.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

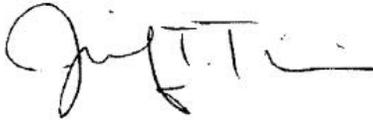
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

The information in your report suggests that Stoughton may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement