



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Chris Sipe
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NVS-215MR
16V-072

Subject: Coupler may Fail if Trailer Loaded to Maximum

Dear Mr. Sipe:

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:

BARRETT/P/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: February 5, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-072

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Problem Description:

Stoughton Trailers, LLC (Stoughton) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Barrett P gooseneck trailers manufactured July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2015. The affected trailers have an Upper Coupler Section with a Gross Trailer Weight Rating (GTWR) of 25,000lbs, however the trailer has an assigned Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of over 25,000lbs.

Consequence:

If the trailer is loaded past 25,000lbs, the upper coupler may fail causing separation of the trailer from the tow vehicle and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Stoughton will notify owners and depending on the trailer GVWR, dealers will either replace the upper coupler slide-in inner tube or the trailers will need to be returned to the manufacturer to have the upper coupler replaced. These repairs will be made free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in March 2016. Owners may contact Stoughton customer service at 1-608-873-2500.

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.

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 be reminded of the following requirements:

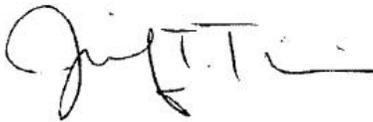
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are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

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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

Sincerely,



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