



STRICK TRAILERS, LLC

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VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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

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Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Administrator:

Please be advised that Strick Trailers, LLC has determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in the vehicles listed below and, out of an abundance of caution, 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 ("Strick")
- Identification of the vehicles potentially containing the defect: The recall population 2. includes all Strick dry freight single-axle van trailers built with an air-ride suspension mounted on a "c" channel sub-frame assembly during the period August 2005 through June 2011.
 - (ii) Body style/type: dry freight van trailer Inclusive dates of manufacture: August 2005 – June 2011 VIN ranges, month/year of manufacture, quantity: 1S11E92876E -1S11E92876E , August 2005 (6 units) 1S11E92817E -1S11E92897E , February 2006 (5 units) 1S11E92867E , October 2006 (1 unit) ., December 2007 (1 unit) 1S11E92898E 1S11E92829E -1S11E92819E , January 2008 (28 units) , April 2008 (27 units) 1S11E92899E - 1S11E92839E 1S11E928X9E - 1S11E92839E , April 2008 (3 units) , August 2008 (4 units) 1S11E92889E - 1S11E92839E , April 2009 (24 units) 1S11E9283AE 1S11E9285AE. , January 2010 (15 units) 1S11E928XBE - 1S11E9284BE , June 2011 (46 units)

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- (iv) All vehicles in the recall population were built with suspensions manufactured by Meritor, Inc., 2135 West Maple Road, Troy, Michigan 48084 containing part numbers MPA20165TN1425, RHP55-TQ-2320, RHP55-TQ-2056, or RHP55-TQ-2294.
- 3. The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 160, which represents approximately 1.22% of all vehicles manufactured by Strick during the same period:

Model Year	Number of vehicles potentially affected by the rec	<u>all</u>
2006	6	
2007	6	
2008	1	
2009	62	
2010	24	
2011	15	
2012	46	
TOTAL:	160	

- 4. The percentage of vehicles estimated to potentially contain a defect is 100%.
- 5. The defect involves premature wear and failure of bogie components in single-axle trailers manufactured with the suspension mounted on a "c" channel sub-frame assembly. Worn bogie components could potentially result in loss of vehicle stability and compromised structural integrity. The cause of the defect is unknown at this time; investigation has commenced and is ongoing.
- 6. Chronology: To be provided.
- 7. Not applicable.
- 8. Manufacturer's program for remedying the defect: To be provided.
- 9. Not applicable.
- 10. Representative communications: To be provided.
- 11. Manufacturer's campaign number: Not yet assigned.

Very truly yours,

Shari M. Solomon General Counsel