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Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
07V-210

Subject: PLUMBING FITTINGS FOR AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS/BRASSCRAFT

Dear MR. HARTMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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:

CHEETAH/CONTAINER CHASSIS/2006
CHEETAH/REMAC CONTAINER CHASSIS/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-210

Mfg's Report Date: May 8, 2007

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,012

Summary:

ON CERTAIN SEMI-TRAILERS, DURING MANUFACTURE, SOME OF THE PIPE FITTINGS WERE DRILLED TOO DEEP, RESULTING IN A THIN WALL IN THE MALE PIPE THREAD. THE MALE PIPE THREAD MAY BREAK OFF DURING OR AFTER ASSEMBLY.

Consequence:

IF THE FITTING FAILS WHILE IN USE, THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM COULD DEPRESSURIZE, CAUSING THE BRAKES TO ENGAGE SUDDENLY, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

CHEETAH CHASSIS IS WORKING WITH BRASSCRAFT TO REPLACE THE DEFECTIVE FITTING FREE OF CHARGE (PLEASE SEE 06E082). THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BRASSCRAFT AT 248-305-6000 OR CHEETAH CHASSIS AT 570-752-2709.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. Please change the second paragraph to read: "Cheetah Chassis Corporation, in conjunction with Brasscraft, has decided that a defect which relates to...Intermodal Container Chassis."

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during May 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 30, 2007.