



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

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TREASURER
NEVILLE WELDING INC.
5581 S.W. 50TH STREET
KINGMAN KS 67068

NVS-215
09V-012

SUBJECT: WHEEL END STUDS/ARVINMERITOR

DEAR MS. NEVILLE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Neville Welding Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:
NEVILLE/CONVERTER DOLLY/2009
NEVILLE/DROPDECK/2009
NEVILLE/FLATBED/2009
NEVILLE/GRAIN HOPPER/2009

Mfg's Report Date: January 9, 2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-012

Components: POWER TRAIN: AXLE HUBS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 81

Summary:

NEVILLE IS RECALLING 81 MY 2009 CONVERTER DOLLEY, DROPDECK, FLATBED AND GRAIN HOPPER TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR AXLE ASSEMBLIES WITH SUSPECT WHEEL END STUDS. THE SUSPECT WHEEL END STUDS WERE IMPROPERLY TEMPERED, POTENTIALLY RENDERING THEM BRITTLE AND SUSCEPTIBLE TO FRACTURE. IF ONE WHEEL STUD FRACTURES, THE REMAINING WHEEL STUDS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY MORE LOAD. IF LEFT IN THIS CONDITION, THE REMAINING WHEEL STUDS MAY ALSO FRACTURE EVEN IF THEY ARE PROPERLY MANUFACTURED.

Consequence:

FRACTURED WHEEL STUDS COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

NEVILLE IS WORKING WITH ARVINMERITOR WHO WILL REPLACE ANY AFTERMARKET REPLACEMENT STUD FREE OF CHARGE (PLEASE SEE 08E038). OWNERS MAY CONTACT ARVINMERITOR AT 1-248-435-8793 OR NEVILLE AT 1-800-301-3487.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ08-013, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. However, in the second paragraph, we would like to change the word "determined" to "decided" and correct the typographical error in the word 'Descriptions' on the paragraph title, "Description of Defect." Also, please correct the word 'recommend' in the "Recommended Action" paragraph.

Please provide the following additional information and 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).

Neville must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

As stated in your report, ArvinMeritor will be handling the remedy and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If ArvinMeritor's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement