

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Equipment
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report*

On SEPT 11, 200², AFX [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) exists in items of motor vehicle equipment listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: JAN 29, 2003

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): _____

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

AFX NORTH AMERICA INC.
13051 BANTA DR.
CERRITOS CA. USA 90703

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

DOUG HILL
CEO

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

DOUG HILL
CEO
 Signed: [Signature]

*Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5226 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

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I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment

2. Identify the Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall, for each make and model or applicable item of equipment product line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the item of equipment), provide:

Generic name of the item: AAE HELMET

Make: AAE Model: EX-3

Part Number: 3000 Size: XS-XXL

Function: Motorcycle Helmet

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ Model: _____

Part Number: _____ Size: _____

Function: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ Model: _____

Part Number: _____ Size: _____

Function: _____

Model Years Involved: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ Model: _____

Part Number: _____ Size: _____

Function: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996, through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

II. Identifying the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of items of equipment recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Items Potentially Involved
FX-3	2000	10,278
FX-3	2001	9,538
FX-3	2002	10,662

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 30,478

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 35-45%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled items of equipment:

Regardless of Production Date All Helmets ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RECALL WITH OUT EXCEPTION.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance:

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

UNDER SOME CONDITIONS THE Retention System MAY NOT PERFORM TO STANDARDS.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

CHAIN STRAP WAS SEWN WITH ONE BAR TACK AS OPPOSED TO TWO.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

POTENTIAL HEAD INJURY IF THE Retention System FAILS

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

NONE

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

NONE

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

Report # 215-USF-02-03 Date May 16/2002
Final Report of FMVSS NO 215 Compliance Testing on
Model AFX-FX-3 motorcycle helmet.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Unconditionally replace all FX-3 helmet with a 100% new model
that has been certified to pass FMVSS-215 and by
design it has the defects of the previous FX-3 model
eliminated from its structure. This replacement is 100% no
change including shipping and customers may choose replacement
size and color at their request. Approx to Full/low model will
also be no change.
Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus
the recalled component/assembly.

Helmet manufactured AFTER FEB 2003 ARE THE NEW
100% designed model and may be identified by
the label on the back of the helmet indicating that
this is a new for 2003 model - the dot label
will read "FX-3 II" with the "II" in red or white
depending on the shell color.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Production halted in April 2002. Production was never restarted after that date. The model has been discontinued and the tooling has been removed and recycled. New replacement helmet to be ready in Feb 2003.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

FEB 2003: ^{+ MAIL} EMAIL/ FAX ALL DEALERS LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THE FX-3 MAY BE REPLACED WITH AN ALL NEW MODEL AT NO CHARGE. ALSO THIS INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEB SITE. AFXHELMETS.COM & A NEW SITE DEDICATED TO RESOLVING THE FX-3 PROBLEM. BENEHELMETS.COM

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.

Note: These documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.