

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT  
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-265.002 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

SEP 21 2000

Part 573 Report Date: September 17, 2000

MANUFACTURER: Spectre Manufacturing Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Samuel "Lee" Verrett, President

FAX: (253) 537-2374

SUBJECT: 124 Spectre 2000 Model Series 4000, 5000, 6000, 3801-T, and all custom trailers with GVWR's in excess of 3,000 lbs. equipped with breakaway switch assemblies manufactured by Tekonsha. An electrical switching component can cause the breakaway device to not work properly.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your owner notification letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577. You will need to add a sentence telling the consumer how long the repairs will take. For example, "The work will take about [xx] hours to complete. However, additional time may be required depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed.

Also please add the following paragraph at the end of the letter:

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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 was expected to begin September 17, 2000. *Please let us know if letters were mailed on this date.* Since this is so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by January 30, 2001.

If you have any questions, please call:

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Per our conversation today, the following paragraphs will need to be added to the letters that will be sent to the end users. This letter, as I understand it, will be going from your dealers to their customers. Please make sure that your dealers are aware of what is needed in the consumer letter as per the requirements of 49 CFR Parts 573/577.

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Your dealers will need to keep accurate records showing what customers have had the repair performed so they can provide these totals to you for inclusion in the quarterly reports that we will receive from Spectra.

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