

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On January 20, 2012, Elite Trailer Manufacturing, LLC [MFR] decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: May 16, 2013

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

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Elite Trailer Manufacturing, LLC

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

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Clyde Walters, CFO

Signed:



¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Jennifer Timian at (202) 366-0209, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): Elite Trailers **Model Years Involved:** 2012 **Model(s):** Livestock Trailers

Production Dates: Beginning: 11/17/11 **Ending:** 1/17/12

VIN Range: Beginning: 5MKWG2629C0012747 **Ending:** 5MKWG3838C0012931

Vehicle Type: Trailer **Bodystyle:** Gooseneck Trailer

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Recalled vehicles are only those vehicles equipped with electric/hydraulic brakes with a Carlisle brand trailer brake actuator identified within Carlisle Brake & Friction Company (Carlisle) Safety Recall No. 12E-003. The majority of our trailers are manufactured with electric only brakes which do not utilize a Carlisle brake actuator.

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 Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

During the period 11/17/11 to 1/17/12 we manufactured a total of 103 trailers.

Of those, 8 trailers were manufactured with Carlisle brand trailer brake actuators.

Of those, 3 trailers were manufactured with actuators identified within Safety Recall No. 12E-003.

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
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The first trailer we manufactured with a recalled actuator had a manufacturing completion date of November 17, 2011. The last trailer we manufactured with a recalled actuator had a manufacturing completion date of January 17, 2012. Between those two dates we manufactured 103 total trailers but only 9 trailers had Carlisle trailer brake actuators installed.

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

9

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

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 vehicles:

As part of the manufacturing process we log serial numbers of many major components (tires, axles, etc). One of the components we log is the serial number of the brake actuator (if the trailer has hydraulic controlled brakes). This information is maintained in an electronic database which is easily searchable. We searched our database a couple different ways to make sure we had identified all actuators subject to the recall ---- we looked at trailers built from September 2011 through June 2012 (according to the Carlisle recall notice the actuators subject to recall were manufactured from October 2011 through December 2011); we also sorted the entire database by actuator serial number; in each case looking for actuator serial numbers that matched the serial numbers contained in the Safety Recall No. 12E-003. Both searches identified three (3) trailers containing actuators that were subject to the Safety Recall.

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.

See Carlisle Recall 12E-003

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

See Carlisle Recall 12E-003

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

See Carlisle Recall 12E-003

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

See Carlisle Recall 12E-003

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

We purchase the component from:

Redneck Trailer Supplies

1202 Pikes Peak Rd

Chickasha, OK 73018

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

Steve Frieze

Product Manager

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.

See Carlisle Recall 12E-003

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.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

See Carlisle Recall 12E-003

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

See Carlisle Recall 12E-003

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

See Carlisle Recall 12E-003

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.

We were notified on or about January 20, 2012 of the potential problem with the actuators at which time we removed all potentially affected units from our inventory and production line

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. 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.

Our recall has been completed. As soon as we were informed of the problem we identified trailers with the suspect actuators installed. One of the trailers had not yet been picked-up by our dealer, we changed out that actuator at our manufacturing facility. The other two trailers containing the recalled actuators had already been picked-up by our dealers but had yet to be delivered to a retail customer. Carlisle shipped replacement actuators directly to our dealers and they installed the replacements immediately.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. 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) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.