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Part 573 Report

November 7, 2013

This report serves as PROLine Product LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") that a motor vehicle safety-related issue exists in the installation of auxiliary 12V batteries on certain trailers. PROLine Products LLC decided that this defect existed in these vehicles on November 1, 2013.

**I. Manufacturer, Designated Agent, and Other Chain of Distribution Information**

Manufacturer's Corporate Name: PROLine Products LLC

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**II. Identification of the Recall Population and Its Size**

Type of Equipment:

The product consists of certain trailers which had auxiliary batteries installed by PROLine Products LLC. Only trailers with these batteries installed by PROLine Products LLC are affected by this recall.

Type of equipment: Auxiliary Trailer Battery Installation

Part/Model number: N/A

Size and function: 12V battery, powers enclosed trailers' lights or other 12V accessories

Inclusive dates of manufacture: 9/2010-10/2013

Total number of these items of equipment: 34

Total Product Sold:

PROLine Products LLC has sold and installed a total of 34 batteries in purchasers' trailers between September 2010 and October 2013. This total includes all auxiliary batteries installed in trailers that did not have built in overcurrent protection.

Due to the uniqueness of PROLine Product LLC's business of selling cargo trailers factory direct to the public PROLine Products LLC has determined the recall only affects the following VIN numbers:

1P9BE1217DM	1P9BE2123EM	1P9BE252XDM
1P9BE1514CM	1P9BE2124CM	1P9BE2724DM
1P9BE1710EM	1P9BE2127DM	1P9BE2727BM
1P9BE1718DM	1P9BE2322BM	1P9BE2728CM
1P9BE1820DM	1P9BE2328CM	1P9BE2728DM
1P9BE1820DM	1P9BE2328DM	1P9BE272XDM
1P9BE1822CM	1P9BE2524DM	1P9BE2828DM
1P9BE1824CM	1P9BE2525BM	1P9BE2921DM
1P9BE1920EM	1P9BE2526DM	1P9BE3126DM
1P9BE1924AM	1P9BE2529EM	1P9BE322XEM
1P9BE1927DM	1P9BE252XCM	1P9BE3526DM
1P9BE2121BM	1P9BE252XCM	



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### **III. Description of the Defect or Noncompliance and Chronology of Events**

Customers who purchased a trailer and opted to have PROLine Products LLC install an auxiliary battery in the trailer had batteries that were installed improperly. The installation was incorrect due to the lack of overcurrent protection (i.e. in-line fuse) for the battery. Consequently these batteries could potentially short circuit and melt the cable if the trailer's wiring harness were to become physically damaged. This short circuit could overheat and damage the trailer wiring, possibly leading to a fire. The error was discovered when an owner of a PROLine Products LLC trailer called PROLine Products LLC on the afternoon of October 31, 2013 and explained that his wiring harness had become damaged and the battery overheated the wire. On the following day, November 1, 2013, PROLine Products LLC through discussion with its workers and their installation procedures discovered the cause of the problem and acknowledged the installation was at fault. No injuries, crashes, or fatalities resulted from this incident and no other incidents have been identified.

### **IV. The Remedy Program and Its Schedule**

PROLine Product's LLC will furnish inline fuse holders as well as matching fuses required to complete proper installation of these affected battery installations. PROLine Products LLC has all necessary contact information of original purchasers of the affected trailers and owners will be encouraged to contact PROLine Products LLC to arrange for free installation of the inline fuse holder and required fuse. In the event that owner has already remedied the situation prior to the recall notice PROLine Products LLC will reimburse owners upon presentation of an itemized bill. PROLine Products LLC began installing an inline fuse holder and appropriate fuse to all trailers receiving auxiliary batteries on November 1, 2013. PROLine Products LLC estimates that purchasers will be notified by end of January 2014.