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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: July 22, 2014

This report serves as Timppte, Inc.'s notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a [defect related to motor vehicle safety] exists in certain [Timppte Bulk Commodity Hopper Trailers]. [SAF-Holland] decided that this [defect] existed in these vehicles on [July 21, 2014].

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

Manufacturer's corporate name:

Timppte, Inc.  
1827 Industrial Drive  
David City, NE 68632 USA  
Tel. # (402)367-3056

**Vehicle brand or trademark name owner(s) (where applicable):**

Timppte

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Designated Agent (imported vehicles): N/A

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If this notification concerns a defective or noncompliant component that the above identified manufacturer did not manufacture, identify that component and provide the name, address, and phone number of the manufacturer of the component (if this manufacturer is unknown, provide this information as to the supplier of the component):

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Suspension pivot bolt, part number 93201070, SAF Holland CBX Series Suspensions

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SAF Holland USA,  
1950 Industrial Blvd  
P.O. Box 425  
Muskegon, MI 49443-0425  
Tel. # (231)773-3271

Name, address, email, and phone and fax numbers for the person(s) to whom inquiries about this report should be directed:

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Dwight Wagoner  
 Product Engineering Manager

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Timpte, Inc.  
 1827 Industrial Drive

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David City, Nebraska 68632  
 Tel. # (402)367-3056, x230

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[dwagoner@timpte.com](mailto:dwagoner@timpte.com)

Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable): **14E024**

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

Complete the tables below for each group of vehicles subject to this notification. Additional tables may be necessary where there are more than three groups subject to a notification.

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| Make: <a href="#">Timpte</a>  |
| Model: <a href="#">Timpte Bulk Commodity Hopper Trailers with CBX suspensions</a>   |
| Model Year(s): <a href="#">2014 / 2015</a>  |
| Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): <a href="#">Oct. 24, 2013 – March 31, 2014</a>   |
| Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars): <a href="#">Bulk Commodity Hopper Trailers</a>  |
| Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):<br><br><a href="#">Timpte bulk commodity hopper trailers, between 40,000 and 77,000 lbs. GVWR, produced during the period where SAF-Holland determined the CBX trailing arm assembly pivot bolts were suspect for the associated failure for this recall.</a> |
| Total number of these vehicles: <a href="#">630 trailers</a>  |

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| Make:  |
| Model:   |
| Model Year(s):   |
| Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):   |
| Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):  |
| Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for |

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| Total number of these vehicles: |

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| Make:   |
| Model:  |
| Model Year(s):  |
| Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):  |
| Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):   |
| Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses): |
| Total number of these vehicles:   |

Provide the following information as to all the groups of vehicles:

Grand total number of vehicles: 630 Timppte trailers

The percentage of the recall population you estimate actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100% of Timppte trailers with SAF Holland CBX suspensions with suspect pivot bolts.

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined (e.g., on what basis the recalled models were selected and how the inclusive dates of manufacture were determined):

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The recall population was determined by matching the serial numbers of the suspect suspensions, provided from the vendor to Timpco component records.

Describe how the recall population is different from any similar vehicles not subject to this notification:

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Similar production did not include suspect components as identified by the vendor supplied information.

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

Describe the defect or noncompliance, including a summary and detailed description of the nature and physical location (if appropriate) of the defect or noncompliance. Graphic aids should be provided where necessary.

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Holland had reported to us that pivot bolt in their suspension fail. The pivot bolt is located at the point where suspension trailing arm and suspension tower are joined.

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

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Holland has reported to us that this defect is the result of a manufacturing process deviation by their supplier of the component.

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

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SAF Holland has indicated that the consequences of the defect could result in suspension components disassembling during trailer usage failure.

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Identify any warning(s) that may precede the defect or noncompliance condition.

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SAF Holland had indicated that indicators may be abnormal Tire wear and/or Axle mis-alignment.

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*For defects*, provide a dated, chronological summary of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination that the defect is related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information such as numbers of crashes, injuries and fatalities.

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Timpte has not experienced any of this failure to date (July 22, 2014). SAF-Holland notified us of the defect and noted that failures had occurred. Timpte is filing this report as required by statute as we have received notice from SAF-Holland.

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*For non-compliances*, identify the test results and other information considered in determining the existence of the noncompliance, and provide the date of each test and observation indicative of that noncompliance.

**This is a defect, not a non-compliance situation.**

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

Describe the program for remedying the defect or noncompliance, including the plan for reimbursing those owners and purchasers who may have incurred costs to remedy the defect or noncompliance before receiving the manufacturer's notification concerning that defect or noncompliance. Also include, where applicable, details with dates concerning any production remedy that was conducted or will be conducted.

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Timpte will be supporting SAF-Holland's update plan by contacting all of the effected Timpte trailer owners and assisting them with scheduling their trailers into a facility to have the pivot bolt replaced per SAF-Holland's plan. Timpte will track the process and the completion of the updates through its warranty administration process. Timpte will coordinate our efforts with those of SAF-Holland.

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Provide the estimated date(s) on which owner and purchaser notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

Owner notifications will begin not later than August 20, 2014. Timpte will confirm all contact data to assure proper notification, then send notifications for all affected trailers. Timpte will coordinate this communication with SAF-Holland so pivot bolt repair kits will be available at repair centers. Timpte would expect to complete all notification by September 21, 2014.

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Provide the estimated date(s) on which dealer and distributor notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

Dealer and distributor notifications will occur not later than August 20, 2014 and will complete by September 8, 2014.

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

The Repair Facility is instructed, per SAF-Holland repair instruction, to add a white paint dot to the head of each pivot bolt assembly installed, per step #11.

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**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDERS \*\*\*\*\***

A DRAFT version of the letter that the manufacturer intends to mail to owners and purchasers notifying them of the defect and/or noncompliance must be submitted to NHTSA at least five Federal Government business days before those letters are issued. In addition, it is recommended that the draft version of the letter that the manufacturer intends to send to its dealers and distributors concerning the defect and/or noncompliance also be submitted for review. For prompt receipt and review, drafts may be submitted to the attention of the Recall Management Division (NVS-215) via facsimile on (202) 366-7882, or email to [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov).

A representative 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, dealer, or purchaser, must be submitted to NHTSA no later than five days after they are initially sent. This requirement applies both to the final version of the notification letter that is sent to owners and purchasers, as well as the final version that is sent to dealers and distributors. It also includes any follow-up notifications issued concerning a recall. The representative copies of the letters sent to owners and purchasers, and dealers and distributors, must be submitted via certified mail. It is strongly recommended, however, that additional representative copies be submitted via facsimile on (202) 366-7882, or email to [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov), so that the submission can be more promptly reviewed. All submissions should be conspicuously labeled with the appropriate NHTSA-assigned recall number.

