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DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

To Report Vehicle Safety Defects

1-888-DASH-2-DOT

(1-888-327-4236)

INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

SOLDOTNA

State

AK

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

Evening Telephone Number

E-mail Address

The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

LCAFS08177T

Make

LONG CHIH

Model

LCI-745TC

Model Year

2006

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No: Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

Multiple Failure:

Incident Date(s)

01-AUG-2009

Cruise Control

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Code: 210000 TRAILER HITCHES

Failure Mileage

0

Failure Speed

0

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

Original Equipment  
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type:

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury (ies).)

Crash

Yes  No

Fire

Yes  No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

TL\*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2006 LONG CHIH USA TRAILER. SHE STATED THAT THE HITCH UNHOOKED FROM THE TRAILER. SHE ALSO STATED WHILE HAULING LUMBER, THE HITCH BECAME UNHOOKED AND NEARLY CAUSED A CRASH DUE TO THE LUMBER FALLING ALL ON THE HIGHWAY. THE OWNER RE-WELDED THE TRAILER; HOWEVER, THE LUG NUTS WERE LOOSE AND THE WHEEL CAME OFF OF THE TRAILER. THE CONTACT HAS HAD SEVERAL FAILURES WITH THE TRAILER. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS UNKNOWN.

properly. Instructions listed ball size as 1 7/8", but it was not; it was smaller & came off. It bent the tongue severely & had to be cut off completely & a new steel tongue welded on. A week later, 3 miles down the road & the left wheel

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

Fell off. The nuts were made of ordinary cold roll instead of Leaded Alloy and do not lock down properly. When heated up (From Road Travel) they work loose & fall off causing wheel to come off. It cost us \$89.00 to replace the wheel + another \$10.00 for Lug Nuts for Both wheels. Cost over \$100.00 to replace the steel tongue. This trailer is a severe road hazard & should not be allowed on the road until upgrades are made to insure its safety.

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Twice our pickup swerved into oncoming traffic & then a guard rail before getting it under control. Thank God no one was injured or any serious damage caused.

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Think your vehicle has a safety defect?



If so:  
Use the enclosed form to file a report.

or visit:  
[www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov)

or call:  
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