

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

On 1/28/04, 2004, Polar Tank [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No.) 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: 3/4/04

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 04E-002

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.

Polar Tank Trailer, LLC
12810 Cty. Rd. 17
Holdingford Mn 56340

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

Dave Neisinger
V.P. Quality Assurance

Telephone Number: 320-746-2255 Fax No.: 320-746-2937

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Same

Signed:



¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, 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 Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

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 OFFICE OF THE
 ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR
 FOR SAFETY ASSURANCE

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): Polar Model Years Involved: 2003 Model(s): ACJ9
 Production Dates: Beginning: 7/02 Ending: One trailer only
 VIN Range: Beginning: 1PMA1432131025929 Ending: n/a
 Vehicle Type: Semi-trailer Bodystyle: n/a

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

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____
 Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____
 VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____
 Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

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

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

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Vehicles	One trailer only		Number of
Model		Year	Potentially
Involved			

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

One

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:

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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

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.

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.

Webb Wheel Products is handling the notification.

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) for review prior to mailing.*

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

TO

FROM

Kent Fishburner
Webb Wheel

POLAR TANK TRAILER, LLC
12810 County Road 17
Holdingford, MN 56340-9773
(320) 748-2256
Fax (320) 748-2937

SUBJECT

Platinum Drum Recall letter of 1/26/04

DATE

1/28/04

Per your letter we are sending you
picture of one (1) trailer we built with
these drums so you can contact them
directly.

Customer; Townsend Trailer

535 E. 28th St.

Sioux City, IA 51105

800-274-2364

Kevin Kienzel

Polar #1 25929; Infig'd 7/02

Thanks

Dave Norlinger

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**Polar Tanks notification to
Webb.**



Webb Wheel Products, Inc. • 2310 Industrial Drive, S.W. • Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Polar Tank Trailer Inc
12810 Co Rd 17
Holdingford, MN 56340

January 20, 2004

Dear Carol Oachs:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has approved a voluntary recall of our Platinum Series Brake Drums. Our records indicate that your company purchased Platinum drums during the time period defined. We would appreciate your assistance in implementing this recall. Enclosed are the following documents:

- Recall Notice
- Vehicle Inspection Procedure
- Reimbursement for Inspecting
- Reimbursement for Removing and Replacing

Brake drum part numbers included in this recall:

- 60528B
- 60545B
- 60672B
- 60864B
- 60875B
- 60893B
- 60895B

Notice

Please check your inventory for any affected drums. If you have any drums in the suspect date range, please follow the instructions in the enclosed Recall Notice document. In the event no affected drums are found, please respond to that effect to aid us in tracking progress. In addition, you should compile a list of your customers who have purchased product that may be affected by this recall and notify those customers regarding this issue and the required corrective action. Please notify us of any customer locations to whom you want us to send the inspection instructions.

The safety and integrity of our product is important to us. That is why we are issuing this voluntary recall of our Platinum Series Brake Drums. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call us at 1-800-633-3256. The recall number for NHTSA is 04E-002

Sincerely,

Kent Finkbiner
Director of Marketing and OEM Sales