

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

On FEBRUARY 10, 2004, RHODES [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: FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): EQ04-002

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.

AJR, INC. dba RHODES TRAILERS & TRUCK BODIES
P.O. BOX 1600, WASHINGTON WV 26181-1600

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

JOHN RHODES

Telephone Number: 304-863-8078 Fax No.: 304-863-8172

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

JOHN RHODES
PRESIDENT

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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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): RHODES Model Years Involved: 2001 Model(s): RASML2572-4
RASMP2572-4

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: 1A9AD25452P432162 Ending: 1A9AD25472P432163

Vehicle Type: TRAILER Bodystyle: END DUMP

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

ONLY UNITS BUILT WITH WEBB PLATINUM SERIES DRUMS

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

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: _____

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.

.5%

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. **NONE TO DATE**

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.

FREE WEAR WHEEL INSPECTION & REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES

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.

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.

ONE DEALER AND ONE OWNER EFFECTED.
BOTH CONTACTED VIA TELEPHONE FEB. 10, 2004 AND
CERTIFIED MAIL 2-11-04 WITH ALL CORRESPONDENCE

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 (302-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.**

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

ATTACHED COPIES

February 10, 2004

Webb Wheel Products, Inc.
2310 Industrial Drive, S.W.
Cullman, AL 35055
Attn. NHTSA Recall Department
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RE: RECALL ISSUE – NHTSA EQ04-002 (WEBB Platinum Series drums)

The attached list identifies the owner(s) of the potentially defective hubs described in the above referenced product recall.

We have already notified this owner via certified mail and also our dealer of the recall and their further responsibility. They are expecting instructions and reimbursement directly from Webb Wheel in order to perform these inspections. Please send these items to the addresses given on the lower section of this attached form.

If you have any questions, please call us at 304-863-8078.

Sincerely,

AJR, Inc.



John M. Rhodes
President

Encl.

cc: J. Bradley
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Make	SO	Model	Year	Vehicle Type	VIN	Dealer / Address / Phone	Owner / Address / Phone	Corrected
thodes	T479	RASML2572-4	2001	Trailer, dump	1A9AD26462P432162	KUSTOM Truck & Trailer 70007 Powell Rd, Romeo, MI 48065 586-336-8166	Roger Hostetter Stirling Heights, MI 48313 586-523-1023	
thodes	T480	RASMP2572-4	2001	Trailer, dump	1A9AD26472P432163	KUSTOM Truck & Trailer 70007 Powell Rd, Romeo, MI 48065 586-336-8166	Roger Hostetter Stirling Heights, MI 48313 586-523-1023	