

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles  
**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports<sup>1</sup>**

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On JULY 1, 2003, HALE TRAILER [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: JULY 15, 2003 (03/15/04)

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): P-03-01

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.

HALE TRAILER BRAKE & WHEEL INC P/R/A ALLENTOWN BRAKE & WHEEL SERVICE INC

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

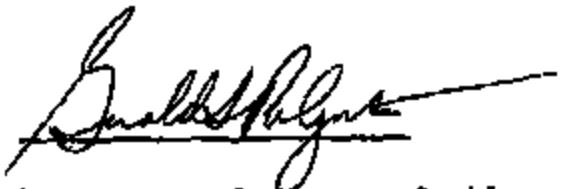
GERALD S. PALGUTA, VICE PRESIDENT

Telephone Number: (610) 395-0371 Fax No.: (610) 395-7868

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

GERALD S. PALGUTA, VICE PRESIDENT

Signed:



<sup>1</sup> 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.

**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):** PARKER **Model Years Involved:** 1994-2000 **Model(s):** ALL

**Production Dates: Beginning:** 03/01/94 **Ending:** 03/31/2000

**VIN Range: Beginning:** 053462 **Ending:** 053634

**Vehicle Type:** TRAILER **Bodystyle:** DUMP TRAILER

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

ONLY MODEL PRODUCED

**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.**

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

<u>Vehicles</u> <u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Potentially</u>
PARKER TRAILER		
<u>Involved</u>	1994	27
	1995	15
	1996	31
	1997	28
	1998	13
	1999	18
	2000	11

Total Number Potentially Affected by the  
Recall: 143

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

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:

THIS IS THE ONLY MODEL TRAILER WE PRODUCE. BRAKE VALVES ARE PURCHASED FROM  
SEALCO AND WE WERE NOTIFIED OF A POTENTIAL DEFECT (NHTSA I.D. #02E-028) DURING  
A SPECIFIC TIME PERIOD OF THEIR PRODUCTION. WE RESEARCHED OUR SALES FILES AND  
PRODUCTION RECORDS TO IDENTIFY TRAILERS PRODUCED IN THAT TIME.

**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.**

SEALCO VALVE #110700 & 110800

THESE VALVES HAVE A RECESSED AREA ON THE TOP IN WHICH A BRASSGUIDE PIN FITS  
DOWN INSIDE THE BODY OF THE VALVE AND IS WELD IN PLACE BY A STEEL SNAP RING.  
THIS RECESSED AREA ON TOP ALLOWS ACCUMULATION OF WATER DIRT AND/OR CHEMICALS,  
WHICH OCCASIONALLY RESULTS IN CORROSION.

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

THIS CORROSION MAY BUILD UP BEHIND THE SNAP RING TO THE POINT WHERE IT WILL  
NO LONGER CONTAIN THE GUIDE PIN RESULTING IN A FAILURE OF THE AIR VALVE.

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

WHILE THE MAJORITY OF FAILURES OF THESE VALVES HAVE OCCURRED IN THE YARD WHEN  
THE AIR SYSTEM IS FIRST CHARGED, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SEVERAL INCIDENTS WHERE  
THE FAILURE HAS OCCURRED AT ROAD SPEED WHICH HAS THE POTENTIAL TO LOCK UP THE  
TRAILER BRAKES AND RESULT IN AN ACCIDENT, ESPECIALLY IF THE TRAILER IS EMPTY OR  
LIGHTLY LOADED.

**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.**

SEALCO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PRODUCTS, INC.

215 EAST WATKINS STREET

PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85004

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

LAWRENCE P. SAYLOR, V.P.

**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. NO EVENTS WERE DETERMINED ON OUR TRAILERS. OUR RESPONSE IS DUE TO NOTIFICATION FROM SEALCO.
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.

PARTS WILL BE SUPPLIED BY SEALCO TO US AND WE WILL INSTALL AT NO CHARGE IF REQUESTED BY CUSTOMER.

IF CUSTOMER INSTALLS, \$10.00 PER VEHICLE WILL BE REIMBURSED.

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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.

INSTALL FIX PROVIDED BY SEALCO

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

REDESIGNED SEALCO VALVES WERE INSTALLED AFTER MARCH 2000.

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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.

MARCH 2000

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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.

END USERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY MARCH 31, 2004

CUSTOMERS WILL BE REQUESTED TO RESPOND BY APRIL 30TH

REVIEW OF RESPONSES/NON-RESPONSES DONE BY MAY 15TH WITH FOLLOW UP BY PHONE/FAX/CERTIFIED MAIL.

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**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 (202-366-7182) for review prior to mailing.**

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