

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

On April 6, 2004, MATE, Inc. [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 Reports.

Date this report was prepared: April 7, 2004

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): _____

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.

MATE, Inc.

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

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Rachel McWilliams

Administrative Asst.

Signed:



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 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.

1. 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): MATE **Model Years Involved:** 1996-2000 **Model(s):** End Dump Trailers

Production Dates: Beginning: 07/96 Ending: 08/00

VIN Range: Beginning: 1M9A3243XTH038074 Ending: 1M9A30427YH028825

Vehicle Type: Hydraulic End Dump **Bodystyle:** Aluminum Frameless, Aluminum Frame Type, Aluminum Semi-Frameless

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

Commercial Intertech hoist installed as hydraulic cylinder for dump operation.

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.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
Frameless, Frame Type, Semi-Frameless	1996	49
Frameless, Frame Type, Semi-Frameless	1997	134
Frameless, Frame Type, Semi-Frameless	1998	113
Frameless, Frame Type, Semi-Frameless	1999	7
Frameless, Frame Type, Semi-Frameless	2000	22

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

325

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:

Recalled models were selected based on the hoist installed for dump operation. In this case, only trailers with Commercial Intertech hydraulic cylinder models S85DC-55 and S85DC-56 installed. Dates of manufacture were determined using the dates given in the Parker Hannifin 573 Form (04E-017), which were July 1996 – March 2001. MATE determined the years of 1996 – 2000 for its recall population because we discontinued use of Commercial Intertech Hydraulic Cylinders after August 2000.

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.

Refer to Parker Hannifin notice.

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

Refer to Parker Hannifin notice.

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

Refer to Parker Hannifin notice.

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

Refer to Parker Hannifin notice.

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

Parker Hannifin Corp. P.O. Box 239 Youngstown, OH 44501-0239

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

Mr. David B. Crowley

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.

Refer to Parker Hennifin notice.

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.

Refer to Parker Hennifin notice

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.

Refer to Parker Hannifin notice

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

Refer to Parker Hannifin notice

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.

Refer to Parker Hannifin notice

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.

Refer to Parker Hannifin notice

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.