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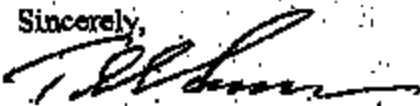
Ms. Barbara Cooke
Safety Defect Specialist
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Defects Investigation (RMD)
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: HME Incorporated Part 573 Report - Reference EQ04-009

Dear MS. Cooke:

Per our conversation this morning here is the part 573 report for HME Incorporated as part of the AmSafe Commercial Products seatbelt recall campaign. (#04E-024). I have included copies of the correspondence with AmSafe as support. If you have any questions or need me to clarify any items please give me a call at 616.261.3630 direct. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Todd Grasman
CFO, HME Incorporated

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

REF
EQ04-009

On May 10, 2004, HME Inc. (MFR) decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety) (a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209) 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: May 14, 2004

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): AsSafe Inc
04E-024

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.

HME Incorporated
1950 Byron Center Avenue
Wyoming, ME 04957

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

Todd Grassman, CFO

Telephone Number: (616) 534-1463 Fax No.: (616) 534-2730

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Todd Grassman
CFO

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. Georgia 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): HME Model Years Involved: 2004 Model(s): 1871

Production Dates: Beginning: 12/03 Ending: 5/04

VIN Range: Beginning: 44KFT42854W220260 Ending: 44KFT42864W220370

Vehicle Type: FIRE TRUCK Bodystyle: N/A

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

RECALL VEHICLES HAVE REAR FACING SEATS

Make(s): HME Model Years Involved: 2004 Model(s): SFO

Production Dates: Beginning: 12/03 Ending: 5/04

VIN Range: Beginning: 44KFT42814W220261 Ending: 44KFT42884W220368

Vehicle Type: FIRE TRUCK Bodystyle: N/A

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

RECALL VEHICLES HAVE REAR FACING SEATS.

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.

Vehicles Model	Year	Number of Potentially Involved
HME	2004	
1B71	2004	27
SFO	2004	7
All models	2004	<u>34</u>

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 34

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

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:

Delivery dates from the manufacturer of the defective component were used to identify the beginning and final dates of the population. We traced by part # the defective components to each vehicle to identify our population.

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.

2 point lap belts used on rear facing seats
per AnSAFE Commercial Products recall notice
04E-024

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

Component recall notice per AnSAFE Commercial Products
recall notice # 04E-024

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

Component recall notice per AnSAFE Commercial Products
recall notice # 04E-024

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

UNKNOWN

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

04E-024 AnSAFE Commercial Products
23845 County Road 6
Units A & B
Elkhart, IN 46514

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

JEFF FIELDS

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. *AMSAFE Commercial Products recall*

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other *# 04E-024* data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

PER AMSAFE Commercial Products recall # 04E-024

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.

AME Incorporated has provided vehicle, customer and contact information to AMSAFE Commercial Products to enable them to conduct their recall & replacement campaign. (SEE attached documents)

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.

PER ANSAFE Commercial Products RECALL CAMPAIGN
04E-024

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

N/A

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.

The defective products were removed from the production line and replaced w/ corrective product.

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.

5/20/04 - Reply to NATSA


5/20/04 - Provide information to ANSAFE
for RECALL CAMPAIGN.

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.

AS ATTACHED.



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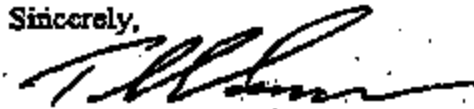
May 20, 2004

Am-Safe Commercial Products
23845 County Rd 6
Units A&B
Elkhart, IN 46514

Attn: Jeff Fields
RE: Campaign Number 04E-024

In response to your recall notice, HME has compiled the enclosed list of trucks and VIN numbers that have seat belts in them that are involved in your campaign number 04E-024. The customers that we sold the trucks to are also listed along with contact information for those customers. This should assist you in completing your campaign. You will also see on the list a number of seat belts that were sold outright to customers, including the HME invoice number that they were bill to that customer on. If you require any additional information please give us a call.

Sincerely,



Todd Grasman
CFO, HME Incorporated

PART #80731-21

<u>Vehicle Identification #</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>
44KFT42854WZ20280	2	Saudi Arabia	Foreign	Central States Fire App	1871
44KFT42874WZ20281	2	Saudi Arabia	Foreign	Central States Fire App	1871
44KFT64874WZ20242	2	Glenwood	IL	HME	1871
44KFT42804WZ20249	4	Sweebsburg	PA	Horton Emergency Vehicles	1871
44KFT42834WZ20245	2	Sumter	SC	HME	1871
44KFT448X4WZ20286	2	Crested Butte	CO	General Safety Equipment	SFO
44KFT42854WZ20294	1	Hall Co	GA	Central States Fire App	1871
44KFT42814WZ20308	2	Saudi Arabia	Foreign	Central States Fire App	1871
44KFT42834WZ20312	2	Armond	PA	V-Tech	1871
44KFT42894WZ20315	2	Dekalb	IL	Alexis Fire Equipment	1871
44KFT42864WZ20305	2	Norwich	NY	Smeal Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42894WZ20285	2	Ridgefield	CT	4-Guys	SFO
44KFT42834WZ20259	2	Kansas City	KS	Boise Mobile Equipment	1871
44KFT428X4WZ20280	2	Kansas City	KS	Boise Mobile Equipment	1871
44KFT42844WZ20321	2	Buckfield	ME	Smeal Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42894WZ20332	3	Claryville	NY	4-Guys	SFO
44KFT42814WZ20281	3	Glenwood	IL	HME	SFO
44KFT42804WZ20333	3	Claryville	NY	4-Guys	SFO

PART #80731-21 sold outright

<u>Sales Order #</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Invoice #</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>
V5409	1	Spencer	468292	Spencer Manufacturing	
V5428	1	Hi-Tech	468461	Hi Tech EVS	
V5427	1	C-States	468647	Central States Fire App	
V5540	2	Ferrara	470590	Ferrara Fire Apparatus	
V5692	1	General	473020	General Fire Apparatus	
V5783	1	Apollo	474528	Apollo Fire Apparatus	
V5810	1	Ferrara	474778	Ferrara Fire Apparatus	
V6079	1	C-States	479102	Central States Fire App	

PART # 80731-36

<u>Vehicle Identification #</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>
44KFT44874WZ20293	3	Botswana	Africa	Central States Fire Apparatus	SFO
44KFT42874WZ20328	2	Har-Rob	Stock	Smeal Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42854WZ20330	2	Thomasville	NC	Central States Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT428X4WZ20341	2	Greenpoint	PA	Central States Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42804WZ20350	2	Cranston	RJ	Smeal Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42894WZ20329	2	Wilson	NC	Central States Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42834WZ20388	2	Ferrara Stock		Ferrara Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42834WZ20343	2	Fire Equlpt	Stock	Fire Equipment Services	1871
44KFT42844WZ20388	2	Wells Bridge	NY	Smeal Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42844WZ20352	2	Meadville	PA	Smeal Fire Apparatus	1871
44KFT42824WZ20365	2	Valencia	PA	4-Guys	1871
44KFT428X4WZ20369	2	Geneseo	IL	Alexis Fire Equipment	1871
44KFT42864WZ20370	2	Chatsworth	IL	Alexis Fire Equipment	1871
44KFT42884WZ20359	2	Weston	WV	Ferrara Fire Apparatus	SFO
44KFT42884WZ20340	1	Freehold	NJ	M&W Fire Apparatus	1871

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<u>Vehicle Identification #</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>
44KFT42874WZ20314	2	Valley Falls	NY	Toyne Incorporated	1871

Customer Address	Contact	Phone #
Alexis Fire Equipment 109 E Broadway Alexis, IL 61412	Jeff Morris	309-482-6121
Apoto Fire Apparatus 12584 Lakeshore Dr Romeo, MI 48065	Bill McLeod	810-752-6828
Boise Mobile Equipment 800 Boeing St. Boise, ID 83705	Dusty Rhoads	800-445-8342
Central States Fire App 100 3rd St Lyons, SD 57041	Harrold Boer	605-543-5591
City of Sumter FD 128 E Hampton Ave Sumter, SC 29150	Chief Carl Ford	803-436-2600
Ferrara Fire Apparatus 27855 James Chapel Rd, North Holden, LA 70744	Charlie Grimes	800-443-9005
Fire Equipment Services 115 S Laffayette Sumpter, SC 29150	Tom Garrity	803-773-8712
General Fire Apparatus 4004 E Trent Ave Spokane, WA 99202	Mike Flint	509-535-4255
General Safety Equipment 5181 260th St. Wyoming, MN 55092	Dave Green	651-462-1000
Glenwood FD One Asselborn Way Glenwood, IL 60425	Chief Kevin Walsh	708-753-2440
Hi-Tech EVS Rt 1 Box 826 Oakdale, CA 95361	Dan Marchione	209-847-3042
Horton Emergency Vehicles 3800 McDowell Rd Grove City, OH 43123	David Lamon	614-539-8181
M&W Fire Apparatus 845 3rd St Vinton, VA 24179	Tony Ray	540-343-3323
Smeal Fire Apparatus 810 West 4th St Snyder, NE 68584	Brian Smeal	402-588-2224

Spencer Manufacturing
158 72nd St
South Haven, MI 49080

Dan VanAlten 269-637-8721

Toyne Incorporated
E. Main St Box 16
Breda, IA 51436

Bill Bird 712-673-2328

V-Tech
154 Industry St
Williamstown, VT 05679

Earl Eberhard 800-898-6663

4-Guys Inc
RD 3 Industrial Park
Meyersdale, PA 15552

Mark Albright 814-834-8373