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Ms. Barbara E. Cooke
Safety Defect Specialist
Office of Defects Investigation
Recall Management Division
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: PL Custom Part 573 Defect and Non Compliance Report

Dear Mrs. Cooke:

Enclosed please find our Part 573 Defect and Non-Compliance Report as discussed this week on the telephone.

We continue to follow-up with Am-Safe Commercial products to obtain new seatbelt parts so we can commence replacement of the defective seatbelts.

If I can supply any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Stevenson
President

Manufacturers of Custom-Modular Ambulances and Rescue Units

2201 Atlantic Avenue, Manasquan, NJ 08736 (732) 223-1411 Fax (732) 223-8456

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

On May 19, 2004, PL Custom Body & Equip. Co. 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 Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: May 19, 2004

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): N/A

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.

PL Custom Body & Equipment Co., Inc.
2201 Atlantic Ave. Manasquan, NJ 08736

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

Robert L. Stevenson, President

Telephone Number: 732-223-1411 Fax No.: 732-223-8456

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Robert L. Stevenson

President

Signed:


President

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.

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: Please see Exhibit I - Vehicle List - AM-Safe Product Recall Campaign

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:** _____

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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>
<u>Involved</u>		
Medallion	03	48
Titan	03	3
Sentry	03	4
Rescue	03	7
Crusader	03	14
Crusader	04	10

Total Number Potentially Affected by the
Recall: 86

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:

Refer To Exhibit II

AM-Safe supplied PL Custom with a list of defective belts.

PL Custom determined that 100% of all vehicles delivered

from 9/8/03 through 5/7/04 were equipped with the defective
AM-Safe Belts.

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.

Please See Exhibit III

Description provided by AM-Safe Commercial Products
dated April 15, 2004.

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

Please See Exhibit IV

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

Please See Exhibit III

Failure of the AM-Safe Seatbelts can result in injuries &
fatalities

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.

AM-Safe Commerical Products
22845 County Road 6, Units A & B
Elkhart, ID 46514

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

Jeff Fields - 574-266-8930

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. Please see response to Question #7.
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.

AM-Safe Commerical Products has not provided test results.

They have provided information on deliveries and PL Custom

purchase orders to define the population of defective

seatbelts as presented in Exhibit II.

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.

1. AM-Safe will provide reimbursement to PL Custom for all
replacement belts.

2. PL Custom will conduct a direct mailing to all customers
shown in Exhibit I.

3. PL Custom will replace all defective belts through its
dealer network.

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.

Defective buckles will be replaced by new buckle assemblies provided by AM-Safe. The new buckles pass FMVSS209.

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

The part changed by AM-Safe as a remedy to the situation is the PAWL. It is an internal part. There are no external indications of the change except the date of manufacture.

Per Rex Vander Rayden this date is 3/1/04.

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.

Test information has not been provided by AM-Safe. No information is available from AM-Safe to answer this question.

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.

1. A PL Custom Dealer direct mailing will take place by June 1, 2004.

2. A customer direct mailing will take place by June 15, 2004.

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.

Note: See Exhibits I-IV

Bethel Fire Department	Fred Ingram	1 School Street	Bethel	CT	06801-	203-546-1926	03-R081	2003	Kenworth T308	Rescue	Yankee	2NKGHD8G3M40272	08/2003
Elyburg Fire Company Ambulance	Carvin Detrick	PO Box 288	Elyburg	PA	17824-	(570) 872-2920	03-1806	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medalion	WBC-PA	1FDXE45F63H841188	09/2003
Roseland First Aid Squad	Joe Strife	PO Box 14	Roseland	NJ	07068-	(978) 225-4139	03-1908	2003	Ford E480	Gold Medalion	WBC-NJ	1FDXE45F73H821212	08/2003
Greenville Rescue Squad	Robert Isenman	332 Main Street, PO Box 332	Greenville	NY	12083-	(518) 866-8811	03-1908	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	Feld	1FDXE45F13H841200	07/02/2003
Wassau Fire District	Chief Robert Boyle	P.O. Box 176	Wassau	NY	12582-		03-R082	2003	Ford F250 4x4	NW1 Rescue	Nassau	1FDXF37P3EC34963	01/22/2003
Great Bay Regional Vol. EMS, Inc.	David Roggenhal	PO Box 437	Little Egg Harbor	NJ	08037-	(800) 298-3936	MS-025	2003	Ford E350	Sentry 380	PLCB	1FDW536F72H80879	01/22/2003
Fair Lawn Volunteer Ambulance Corps	Dave Epstein	2800 Burnside Avenue	Fair Lawn	NJ	07410-	(732) 963-8885	03-1918	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medalion	WBC-NJ	1FDXE45F43H841207	09/18/2003
Wanawana Fire Aid Squad	Comm. Earl Gilbert	PO Box 2212	Ossun	NY	07712-	(732) 988-3049	03-1907	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medalion	PLCB	1FDXE45F73H841203	09/18/2003
Midwood Ambulance Co.	Paul Rapchard	1794 Conny Island Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11230-	(718) 648-1000	V2-171	2002	Ford E350	Sentry 240	Specialty	1FDX334F63H89501	09/18/2003
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department	Gary McGuigan	PO Box 882	Waldorf	MD	20604-	(301) 751-3882	03-1913	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	PLCB	1FDXE45F43H841204	09/18/2003
Old Forge Volunteer Ambulance Squad	Ryan Harris	1 Fulton Street	Old Forge	NY	13433-	(518) 369-8424	03-1917	2003	Ford E480	Gold Medalion	Feld	1FDXE45F63H84018	10/22/2003
Baltimore Fire Department	Chief Don Heimbuch	231 E. Baltimore Street	Baltimore	MD	21202-	(410) 389-3140	03-1918	2003	Ford F450 4x4	Crusader	PLCB	1FDXF47P43ED84102	10/8/2003
Belvidere Ambulance Corps, Inc.	L. Dale Rosenbaugh	PO Box 128	Belvidere	IL	07823-	(808) 475-4525	03-1910	2003	Ford F480	Crusader	WBC-IL	1FDXF47P43ED84102	10/7/2003
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department	Gary McGuigan	PO Box 882	Waldorf	MD	20604-	(301) 751-3882	03-1914	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	PLCB	1FDXE45F63H841205	10/8/2003
Waldorf Volunteer Fire Department	Gary McGuigan	PO Box 882	Waldorf	MD	20604-	(301) 751-3882	03-1915	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	PLCB	1FDXE45F23H841206	10/8/2003
Farmington, Incorporated Village of	Austin Purill	361 Main Street	Farmington	NY	11733-	(518) 249-2826	03-R083	2003	Ford E350 4x2	CWI Rescue	Specialty	1FDX556F3H878694	10/8/2003
Midwood Ambulance Co.	Paul John Rapchard	1794 Conny Island Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11230-	(718) 648-1000	V2-170	2002	Ford E350	Sentry 240	Specialty	1FDX334F12H842562	10/9/2003
Huntingtown Fire Company	Assistant Chief Deborn	PO Box 482	Huntingtown	MD	20638-	(410) 335-3331	03-1926	2003	Ford E480	Custom 100	PLCB	1FDXE45F63H841208	10/13/2003
Pedricktown Ambulance/Oldmans Twp.	Jeff Smith	PO Box 416	Pedricktown	NJ	08067-	(856) 297-4488	03-1918	2003	Ford E480	Custom 100	WBC-NJ	1FDXE45F53H841202	10/21/2003
UNION - Newark Division ALS Unit #141	Khadish Olanbe	150 Cabinet St., PO Box 1708	Newark	NJ	07101-	(973) 672-4850	03-1927	2003	Ford F350	Crusader	WBC-NJ	1FDWF38P63ED84108	10/22/2003
Singer Associates Fire Equipment	Dick Singer	7412 Gellert Road, Bldg B	Galveston	TX	77556-	(703) 764-9611	03-1911	2003	Chrysler C480	Titan	Singer	1G3E4F1133F61687	10/28/2003
Baltimore Fire Department	Chief Don Heimbuch	231 E. Baltimore Street	Baltimore	MD	21202-	(410) 389-3140	03-1920	2003	Ford F450 4x4	Crusader	PLCB	1FDXF47P43ED84108	10/20/2003
Baltimore Fire Department	Chief Don Heimbuch	231 E. Baltimore Street	Baltimore	MD	21202-	(410) 389-3140	03-1921	2003	Ford F450 4x4	Crusader	PLCB	1FDXF47P63ED84104	10/20/2003
Minotola Rescue Squad, Inc.	Dave Crowell	105 W. Atlantic Avenue	Minotola	NJ	08341-	(856) 297-3121	03-1909	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medalion	PLCB	1FDXE45F73H840250	10/8/2003
Bethlehem Fire Department, Town of	Chief Mike Smith	28 Main St., PO Box 411	Bethlehem	CT	06781-	(203) 268-7836	03-R084	2003	Ford E350 4x4	CWI Rescue	Yankee	1FDX556F3H840272	1/14/2003
Mohegan Tribal Fire Department	Chief Casey	97 Sandy Desert Road	Uncasville	CT	06328-	(860) 887-7329	03-1912	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medalion	Yankee	1FDXE45F33H841201	11/10/2003
Boothbay Region Ambulance	Rob Ham	Route 27	Boothbay Harbor	ME	04836-	(207) 633-7711	03-1940	2003	Ford E480	Gold Medalion	Sugarcof	1FDXE45F43H84020	11/11/2003
Somerset Point Vol. Rescue Squad		PO Box 315	Somerset Point	NJ	08244-	(800) 853-6803	03-1982	2003	Ford E350	Sentry 340	WBC-NJ	1FDX556F03H845678	11/13/2003
Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service	Mike Brinner	PO Box 882	Salisbury	CT	06068-	(860) 485-3749	03-1941	2003	Ford E450 4WD	Gold Medalion	Yankee	1FDXE45F63H84026	11/17/2003
Baltimore Fire Department	Chief Don Heimbuch	231 E. Baltimore Street	Baltimore	MD	21202-	(410) 389-3140	03-1922	2003	Ford F450 4x4	Crusader	PLCB	1FDXF47P43ED84105	11/19/2003
Baltimore Fire Department	Chief Don Heimbuch	231 E. Baltimore Street	Baltimore	MD	21202-	(410) 389-3140	03-1923	2003	Ford F450 4x4	Crusader	PLCB	1FDXF47P12ED84106	11/19/2003
UNION - Newark Division ALS Unit #133	Khadish Olanbe	150 Cabinet St., PO Box 1708	Newark	NJ	07101-	(973) 672-4850	03-1928	2003	Ford F350	Crusader	WBC-NJ	1FDWF38P43ED84110	12/1/2003
Franklin Memorial Hospital	Glen Johnson	111 Franklin Health Commons	Farmington	ME	04836-	(207) 776-2400	03-1981	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medalion	Sugarcof	1FDXE45F63H84026	12/2/2003

Warrenton Volunteer Rescue Squad	Andrea Shaffer	210 Hospital Drive	Warrenton	VA	20185-	(540) 347-4873	04-1957	2004	Ford F450 4x4	Cruiser	Singer	1F0D2F47P2A5B13332	3/11/2004
Brevo Volunteer Ambulance Service	Walter Yehlin	6607 Bernath Street	Brooklyn	NY	11228-	(718) 986-1825	03-1981	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	PLCB	1F0D2E48F131B5B4038	3/16/2004
Brevo Volunteer Ambulance Service	Walter Yehlin	6607 Bernath Street	Brooklyn	NY	11228-	(718) 986-4528	03-1982	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	PLCB	1F0D2E48F131B5B4038	3/16/2004
Ron Fahd Sales - Donor	Ron Fahd	7 Pleasant Road	Albany	NY	12205-	(518) 436-7680	03-1985	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Fahd	1F0D2E48F131B5B4038	3/16/2004
Portland Fire Department	Terry Walsh	550 Congress Street	Portland	ME	04101-	(207) 574-5405	03-1973	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Eugene/ef	1F0D2E48F131B5B4043	3/29/2004
Fallston Fire Company	Paul Massaro	2201 Carr Mill Road	Fallston	MD	21047-	(410) 808-1981	03-1988	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	WBC-PA	1F0D2E48F131B5B4042	3/29/2004
West Winfield Fire Department	Bud Osborne	PO Box 308	West Winfield	NY	13481-	(518) 523-6223	03-1988	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Fahd	1F0D2E48F131B5B4042	3/29/2004
Upper Merion Valley Ambulance	Bob Eisenhart	719 Main Street	Rail Hill	PA	16078-	(810) 645-6737	03-1975	2003	Ford E-450	Gold Medallion	WBC-PA	1F0D2E48F131B5B4044	4/2/2004
J.H. Kitchers Rescue Squad	Howie Kraft	PO Box 911	Dover Plains	NY	12502-	(845) 677-6121	03-1974	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	PLCB	1F0D2E48F131B5B4044	4/2/2004
American Legion Ambulance Fund Inc.	Bernie	PO Box 786	Middletown	CT	06354-	(860) 584-6712	03-1967	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Yankee	1F0D2E48F131B5B4040	4/12/2004
American Legion Ambulance Fund Inc.	Bernie	PO Box 786	Middletown	CT	06354-	(860) 584-6712	03-1968	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Yankee	1F0D2E48F131B5B4041	4/12/2004
Superior Ambulance/Rescue Vehicles	Ron Morin	1004 Poplar Stream Road	Cornwall-on-Hudson	NY	12424-	(845) 235-2221	03-1961	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Superior	1F0D2E48F131B5B4047	4/27/2004
Superior Ambulance/Rescue Vehicles	Ron Morin	1004 Poplar Stream Road	Cornwall-on-Hudson	NY	12424-	(845) 235-2221	03-1961	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Superior	1F0D2E48F131B5B4047	4/27/2004
Mount Kisco Volunteer Ambulance Corps	Jim Cuffe	PO Box 72	Mount Kisco	NY	10546-	(914) 458-9953	03-1978	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Specialty	1F0D2E48F131B5B4058	5/6/2004
Metropolitan Washington Airports Auth.	Glen Butler	344-320 EMB West Bldg.	Washington	DC	20001-		04-1958	2004	Isuzu 4300	Titon	Singer	1HTMNAAL44H670004	5/5/2004
UMDNJ - Newark Division CCU #007	Jim Doman, EMS Capt.	180 Cabot Street	Newark	NJ	07107-	(973) 872-8151	04-1963	2004	Freightliner 102	Titon	WBC-NJ	1FVACVCT34H604784	5/5/2004
Peterson, City of	Paul Curcio	111 Broadway	Patterson	NJ	07605-	(973) 288-1789	04-1970	2004	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1F0WV36P14E558878	5/7/2004
Patterson, City of	Paul Curcio	111 Broadway	Patterson	NJ	07605-	(973) 288-1786	04-1971	2004	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1F0WV36P14E558879	5/7/2004
Patterson, City of	Paul Curcio	111 Broadway	Patterson	NJ	07605-	(973) 288-1789	04-1972	2004	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1F0WV36P14E558880	5/7/2004

St. Leonard Vol. Fire Department	Patrick Hecker	PO Box 901	St. Leonard	MD	20685	(410) 386-7713	03-1842	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	PLCB	1FDXE4BFBH964021	12/4/2003
Baltimore Fire Department	Chief Don Heidebach	221 E. Baltimore Street	Baltimore	MD	21203	(410) 386-3140	03-1924	2003	Ford F450 4x4	Cruiser	PLCB	1FDXF47P3EDB4107	12/5/2003
Baltimore Fire Department	Chief Don Heidebach	221 E. Baltimore Street	Baltimore	MD	21203	(410) 386-3140	03-1926	2003	Ford F450 4x4	Cruiser	PLCB	1FDXF47P3EDB4108	12/5/2003
Lake of the Woods Vol. Rescue Squad	Bob Heidebach	104 Lakeview Drive Parkway	Locust Grove	VA	22408	(540) 672-1092	03-1839	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Singer	1FDXE43F1SHA14821	12/11/2003
UMDNJ - Newark Division ALS Unit #142	Khadish Oumbe	150 Cabinet St., PO Box 1709	Newark	NJ	07101	(973) 972-4850	03-1929	2003	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1FDWF36P3EDB4111	12/15/2003
State Hill Fire District	Chief Michael Hayes	1000 State Hill Road, PO Box 333	State Hill	NY	10973	(645) 298-4321	03-1928	2003	Spartan Gladiator	Rescue	Nassau	46TAT2F94SC045293	12/19/2003
Warwick Fire Department	Chief Dave Kucorek	140 Veterans Memorial Drive	Warwick	RI	02886	(401) 498-4093	03-1948	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Yankee	1FDXE4BFBH964025	12/22/2003
Rumson Fire Aid Squad	Mark Burge	1 Wilson Circle	Rumson	NJ	07700	(732) 788-1792	03-1948	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	PLCB	1FDXE4BFBH964027	12/22/2003
UMDNJ - Newark Division BUS Unit #138	Khadish Oumbe	150 Cabinet St., PO Box 1709	Newark	NJ	07101	(973) 972-4850	03-1950	2003	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1FDWF36P3EDB4112	12/22/2003
Stonewall Volunteer Ambulance	Mike Calabrese	P.O. Box 301	Stonewall	CT	06078	(860) 866-7213	03-1944	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Yankee	1FDXE4BFBH964022	12/23/2003
W.F. Green Rescue Squad	Jim Pandolfo	11 Hampton Avenue	Hamden	NY	02144	(516) 477-8429	03-1938	2003	Ford F450 4x4	Cruiser	Fahd	1FDXF47P3EDB4176	12/30/2003
UMDNJ - Newark Division BUS Unit #140	Khadish Oumbe	150 Cabinet St., PO Box 1709	Newark	NJ	07101	(973) 972-4850	03-1931	2003	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1FDWF36P3EDB4113	12/30/2003
East Rockaway Fire Department	Thomas Smith	478 Albany Ave., P.O. Box 203	East Rockaway	NY	0203	(516) 987-8840	03-1937	2004	Spartan Gladiator	W/ Restup	Nassau	46TAT2F94SC045313	1/6/2004
Baham Fire Department EMS	Craig Bryant	106 South Market Street	Baham	VA	24153	(804) 376-3080	03-1948	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	Singer	1FDXE4BFBH964028	1/7/2004
Albia, Village of	Ann Lapp	9 Water Street	Albia	NY	14011	(585) 591-0444	03-1947	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Autocrafting	1FDXE4BFBH964023	1/8/2004
Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Co.	Chief Henry Jolley	PO Box 111	Middletown	VA	22645	(703) 895-1529	04-1938	2004	Ford F450 4x4	Cruiser	Singer	1FDXF47P3EDB4188	1/15/2004
UMDNJ - Newark Division BUS Unit #100	Khadish Oumbe	150 Cabinet St., PO Box 1709	Newark	NJ	07101	(973) 972-4850	03-1932	2003	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1FDWF36P3EDB4114	1/15/2004
UMDNJ - Newark Division BUS Unit #121	Khadish Oumbe	150 Cabinet St., PO Box 1709	Newark	NJ	07101	(973) 972-4850	03-1933	2003	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1FDWF36P3EDB4115	1/15/2004
Middle Island Fire District	Nico	186 Route 2E, PO Box 203	Middle Island	NY	11853	(516) 972-8473	03-1948	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Specialty	1FDXE4BFBH964024	1/21/2004
UMDNJ - Newark Division BUS Unit #117	Khadish Oumbe	150 Cabinet St., PO Box 1709	Newark	NJ	07101	(973) 972-4850	03-1934	2003	Ford F350	Cruiser	WBC-NJ	1FDWF36P3EDB4116	1/28/2004
Centerport Fire District	Dr. Jack Gaffan	9 Park Circle	Centerport	NY	11721	(516) 261-5938	03-1930	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Specialty	1FDXE4BFBH964033	1/28/2004
Union Volunteer Fire Department	Jim Labonne	7 Newell Road	Union	CT	06351	(203) 890-0813	03-1931	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Yankee	1FDXE4BFBH964034	2/2/2004
Christiana Community Ambulance		PO Box 280	Christiana	PA	17009	(610) 368-8188	03-1938	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	WBC-NJ	1FDXE4BFBH964021	2/2/2004
Autocrafting Emergency Vehicles	Tom Watson	170 Jefferson Road	Rushader	NY	14823	(575) 427-7220	03-1932	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Autocrafting	1FDXE4BFBH964031	2/2/2004
Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Inc.	Dan Bulz	PO Box 344	Newtown	CT	06470	(800) 894-2998	03-1933	2003	Ford E450	Gold Medallion	Yankee	1FDXE4BFBH964035	2/10/2004
Livingston First Aid Squad	Craig Dufford	60 S. Livingston Avenue	Livingston	NJ	07039	(973) 982-2278	03-1934	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	PLCB	1FDXE4BFBH964036	2/11/2004
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James City Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.	Paul Roerden	PO Box 321	Town	VA	23164	(757) 699-3273	03-1938	2003	Ford E450	Custom 100	Singer	1FDXE4BFBH964037	3/5/2004

EXHIBIT II

AM-SAFE QUALITY ISSUE
END RELEASE BUCKLE P/N 10016
EFFECT ON P L CUSTOM

5/7/2004

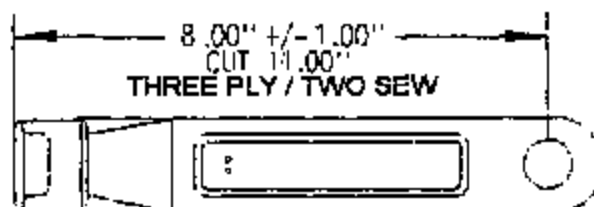
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I-1830-02	20	11204	UMDNJ-CCU	SHPD 12-9-03
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BILL MAGUIRE

ATTN: BILL M.

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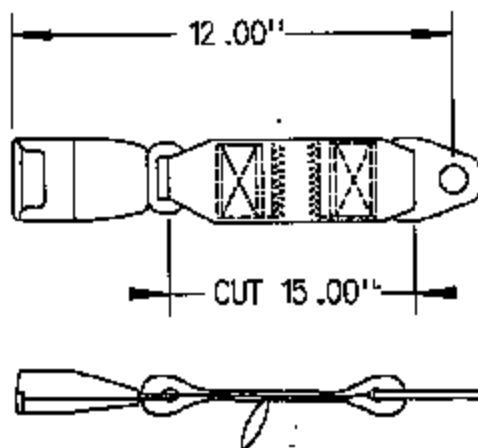
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TONGUE COVER COLOR : _____

SHOP ORDER NO. _____

CUSTOMER

RESULTS

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OPER

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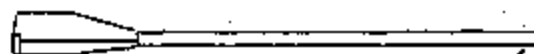
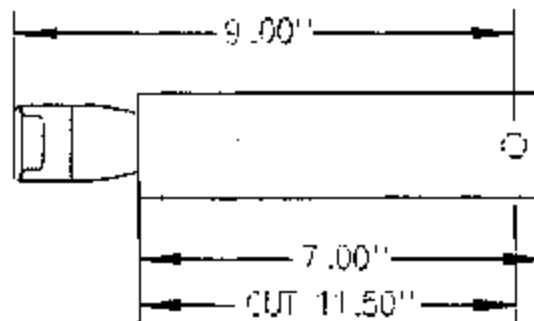
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**AM-SAFE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS
23845 COUNTY ROAD 6
UNITS A & B
ELKHART, IN. 46514**

April 15, 2004

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

**Am-Safe Commercial Products Recall Campaign Number 04-INB
NHTSA Reference No. 04E-024**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Reason for recall

Am-Safe Commercial Products has determined that a defect may exist in some seat belt buckles that were manufactured and supplied to you. These buckles can be identified by the lot number printed on the seat belt assembly label, see attached for reference.

Please locate the above referenced buckles/assemblies in your inventory and customer base. Please return any unused and in stock buckles/seat belts to Am-Safe Commercial Products at the address above Attn Jeff Fields and contact us as soon as possible regarding replacement.

For belts that have been installed in vehicles, we request that you notify the vehicle owners that have received seat belts from the indicated lots and arrange to have the buckle halves of the seat belts replaced. The replacement of each buckle half can be completed in ¼ hour or less. Am-Safe Commercial Products will provide replacement buckle halves free of charge on request and will reimburse the estimated cost of replacement at the current and customary rate. Please return all replaced buckle halves of affected seat belts to Am-Safe Commercial Products, 23845 County Road 6, Units A & B, Elkhart, IN. 46514 Attn Jeff Fields, along with your record of the vehicle model, VIN and date of replacement.

Enclosed please find a sample letter you may use to notify your customers of this recall.

Please refer all questions to Jeff Fields at Am-Safe Commercial Products, 574-266-8330.

If you are unable to contact Am-Safe directly or if you do not receive information back in a timely manner, please contact the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 or write to them at:

**U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street, S. W.
Washington, D.C. 20590**

VEHICLE DEFECT OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER

Dear [MFR model vehicle owner] Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirement of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Am-Safe Commercial Products has decided that your seat belt may fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." These seat belts do not meet the strength requirements of FMVSS 209. The consequence of this nonconformance is, in the event of a vehicle crash, the buckle could release leaving the occupant unrestrained, possibly resulting in serious injury or even death.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Our records indicate that seat belts from the affected lots were supplied with your vehicle. Please contact your dealer immediately to have these seat belts replaced at no charge to you. If you have had your vehicle repaired for the described defect or non-compliance prior to this notification, you may be eligible for reimbursement for pre-notification remedies and how to apply.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Please contact your dealer as soon as possible to arrange a service date so the dealer may order the necessary parts for the repair. Instructions for making this correction have been sent to your dealer and the parts are available. The labor time necessary to perform this service correction is approximately ¼ hour. Please ask your dealer if you wish to know how much additional time will be needed to schedule and process your vehicle.

Your dealer is best equipped to obtain parts and provide service to ensure that your vehicle is corrected as promptly as possible. If, however, you take your vehicle to your dealer on the agreed service date, and they do not remedy this condition on that date or within three (3) days, we recommend you contact Am-Safe at 1-574-266-8330.

If you are a lessor of vehicles which are equipped with affected buckle assemblies, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

After contacting your dealer and Am-Safe, if you are still not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and/or within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

The enclosed owner reply card identifies your vehicle. Presentation of this card to your dealer will assist in making the necessary correction in the shortest possible time. If you have sold or traded your vehicle, please let us know by completing the postage paid reply card and returning it to us.

We are sorry to cause this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

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PL Customs
2201 Atlantic Ave.
Manassquan, NJ.
08736
Attn: Bill McGuire

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IANA DIV.
R. 6
N 46514



U.S. Department
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National Highway
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Administration

EXHIBIT IV

400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Safety Recall Follow-up Report

To: Mr. Robert Stevenson

Company: PL Customs Company

FAX No: 732-223-5629

The Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting a review of safety recall 04E-024. This recall involves Redwood Enterprises seat belt buckle assemblies manufactured by AmSafe Commercial Products (AmSafe). The assemblies are in noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 209, "Seat Belt Buckle Assemblies." The seat belt buckle can unlatch in a vehicle crash, resulting in personal injury to the seat occupant.

According to information provided by AmSafe, PL Customs Company, (PL Customs) was identified as a manufacturer whom purchased and/or was supplied recalled seat belt buckle assemblies and should have been notified by AmSafe of the safety recall. The purpose of this request is to ascertain the disposition of the recalled seat belt buckle assemblies that were acquired by PL Customs and identify any motor vehicle that may contain this equipment.

Federal Regulation 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports," requires that a manufacturer provide the agency with a safety defect information report within 5 days after deciding that a safety defect exists in its motor vehicles and item of equipment. Part 573.3(f) states that "In the case of a defect or noncompliance decided to exist in original equipment installed in the vehicles of more than one manufacturer, compliance with Part 573.5 is required of the equipment manufacturer as to the equipment item, and of each vehicle manufacturer as to the vehicles in which the equipment has been installed".



DOT AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE
888-DASH-2-DOT
888-927-4288

Additionally, Part 573.3(c) provides that for vehicles manufactured in two or more stages either of the manufacturers may satisfy the requirements. As of this date, we have not received notification of the above-described defect from PL Customs.

If PL Customs does not agree with the decision made by AmSafe that the recalled seat belt buckle assemblies contain a safety defect and could have been installed in PL Customs products, please provide an explanation for PL Customs' position. If PL Customs has not received any of these recalled seat belt buckle assemblies, please so state. If PL Customs is not a vehicle manufacturer, please state the nature of its business and its relationship with AmSafe. If PL Customs resold any of the recalled seat belt buckle assemblies, please identify the purchaser by name, address, telephone and contact person. Also, provide the date of sales and quarter in which sold.

This letter is being sent to PL Customs pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. It constitutes a new request for information. PL Customs' failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject PL Customs to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163. If PL Customs believes that it should file a Defect Noncompliance Report, a guide is enclosed to assist you.

PL Customs' response, in writing must be submitted to RMD by May 17, 2004, referencing HQ04-009, either by FAX, e-mail or any other method, which enables PL Customs to verify promptly that it was in fact received by RMD and the date it was received.

If you have any questions, please contact:


Mrs. Barbara E. Cooke, Safety Defect Specialist
(202) 366-6098 or by FAX (202) 366-7882
Recall Management Division
BCooke@nhtsa.dot.gov

Enclosures

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OFFICES IN CHICAGO
AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

09E-024 1/2

March 24, 2004

VIA FACSIMILE

Kelly Schuler
Safety Defect Analyst
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of Defects Investigation (NSA-11)
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Am-Safe Commercial Products Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Dear Ms. Schuler:

This will confirm our telephone conversation regarding the identification of a noncompliance with FMVSS209 for certain seat belt buckle assemblies. Am-Safe is continuing its investigation and will make a complete report in the near future. Following is our initial report information.

1. Reporting Firm
Am-Safe Commercial Products, Inc.
7850 South Hardy Drive
Suite #122
Tempe, AZ 85284

2. Article of Equipment
Seat Belt Buckle Assembly
Model: End Release
Part Number: 1-0016-02

Function: Component of seat belt configurations

3. Buckle Supplier
Redwood Enterprises Co. Ltd.
No. 36 Lu Kang South 2nd Road
Lu Kang, Chang Hwa Shien
Taiwan, ROC

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4. Recall Population

Upon initial review, the recall population is estimated to be approximately 15,000 assemblies.

Am-Safe has not yet reached a final determination on the number of items which will be the subject of this recall and its inquiry into this subject continues.

5. Determination of noncompliance

The product was tested for FMVSS209 compliance and failed to hold the required 5,000 lb. loop load.

A more complete description of the investigation will be provided in the near future.

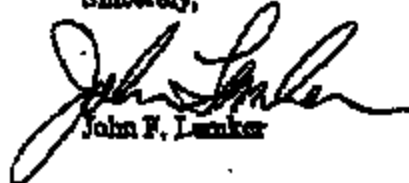
6. There are no reported instances of failure resulting in field reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities or warranty claims.

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Am-Safe is in the process of gathering additional information regarding this matter and is preparing a customer notification which will be sent to NHTSA for review.

I appreciate your courtesy and acceptance of this initial notification and Am-Safe will be providing a complete report as soon as possible. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John F. Lanker

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