

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-143** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: March 15, 2004

DATE FAXED: March 24, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Hale Trailer

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SUBJECT: 143 Hale 1994-2000 Parker dump trailers equipped with spring brake control valve assemblies and manufacturer from March 1, 1994 through March 31, 2000. There is a recessed area on top of the valve in which a brass guide pin fits down inside the body of the valve and is held in place by a steel snap ring. The recessed area allows accumulation of water, dirt, and/or chemicals, occasionally resulting in corrosion. This corrosion builds 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. Failure of the valve in an empty or lightly loaded trailer while the vehicle is in motion could result in a hard application of the spring brakes, possibly locking up the trailer wheels and resulting in a vehicle crash.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written **ONLY** if we have additional comments or concerns.


It is our understanding that Sealco (02E-028) will conduct the owner notification and remedy for this recall.

The recall was the subject of Equipment Query (EQ03-011) conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide us with a proposed owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required **within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs**. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin by March 31, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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