



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*December 8, 2005*

JOHN B. COAST  
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BATON ROUGE LA 70817

NVS-215  
05V-553

Subject: REAR IDENTIFICATION LAMPS/FMVSS 108

Dear MR. COAST:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

COAST MACHINERY/MARSH MASTER I/1980-2005  
COAST MACHINERY/MARSH MASTER II/1990-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-553

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 30, 2005

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 167

**Summary:**

CERTAIN TILT DECK TRAILERS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT." THESE TRAILERS WERE NOT MANUFACTURED WITH THE RETRO REFLECTIVE SHEETING ON THE SIDE RAILS OF THE TRAILER.

**Consequence:**

DURING NIGHT DRIVING CONDITIONS OR WHILE THE VEHICLE IS PARKED, THE REAR AND REAR-SIDE MARKER LIGHTS WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY REFLEX REFLECTION TO MARK THE VEHICLE'S LOCATION IN THE DARK INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH REPAIR PARTS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS. COAST MACHINERY WILL ALSO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE LABOR INVOLVED TO INSTALL THE LIGHT BAR. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 30, 2006. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT COAST MACHINERY AT 1-225-753-1323.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall was the subject of an investigation, OA-108-051118, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

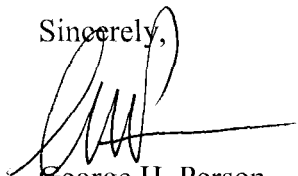
- Under "REASON FOR NOTIFICATION," please change the first sentence to read: "Coast Machinery, Inc. has decided that certain Marsh Master trailers manufactured prior to July 2005, fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, And Associated Equipment."
- A risk also needs to be added, i.e., "During night driving conditions or while the vehicle is parked, the rear and rear-side marker lights will not provide any reflex reflection to mark the vehicle's location in the dark increasing the risk of a crash."
- A sentence needs to be added concerning leased trailers, i.e., "Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."
- Regulations require manufacturers conducting safety recalls to include the NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline phone number in their notification letters to owners [49 CFR 577.5(g)(1)(vii)]. Please include the following statement, "If Coast Machinery is unable to remedy this noncompliance without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; *or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.*"

As stated in Part 573.7, 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 on January 30, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2006. We have enclosed a copy of the Vehicle Quarterly Report Guide for use in supplying this information to NHTSA.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement

Enclosure:  
Quarterly Report Guide

# Vehicle Safety Recall Quarterly Report Information<sup>1</sup>

Required per 49 CFR Part 573.7

Report Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Calendar Quarter: \_\_\_\_\_

Safety Recall Quarterly Report from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Report Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Recall Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

1. NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Also, for completeness, if your company has assigned a code number to this campaign, please provide your code: \_\_\_\_\_

2. (a) The date notification to purchasers began: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) The date notification of purchasers was completed: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Total Number of Vehicles Involved: \_\_\_\_\_

The total number of vehicles involved in the subject campaign (including all items sold or distributed to purchasers, dealers, distributors, and similar entities beyond the immediate control of the manufacturer/importer).

4. (a) Total Number Inspected & Remedied: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of vehicles which were inspected and/or otherwise repaired or remedied.

(b) Total Number Inspected & NOT REQUIRING REMEDY: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of vehicles involved in the recall and inspected, but determined to NOT REQUIRE REMEDIAL or recall repair work.

5. Vehicles Determined to be Unreachable

Total Number Exported: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Stolen: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Scrapped: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Unable to Notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Otherwise Unreachable: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Other: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Any Questions please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler or Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.