

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report⁽¹⁾

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On March 17th, 2005, Prevost Car decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exits 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: March 21st, 2005

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): SR05-06

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.

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

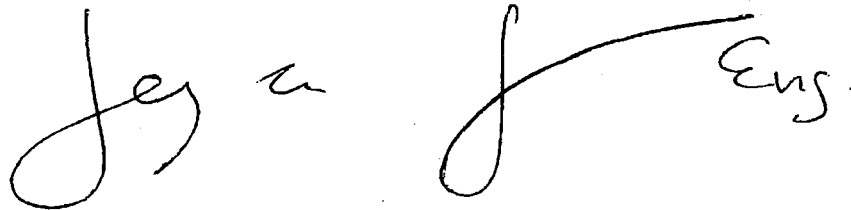
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Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josyane Côté Eng.', written in a cursive style.

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): Model Years Involved: Model(s):

Production Dates: Beginning: April, 2004 Ending: March, 2005

Vehicle VIN numbers:

Vehicle Type: XL vehicle series

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: All XL2 vehicles produced within that period

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.

100 %

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Number of Vehicles 200 approx.

Model Year Potentially Involved 2005

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 200

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

100 %

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:

A design modification has been made in April of 2004 to the XL2 model vehicles only. This modification is identified as the cause of the default and was corrected in March of 2005.

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.

The defect results in a failure on the drive axle radius rods attachment. The bolts securing the rods get loose and could completely detach eventually.

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

The use of an anticorrosion product in a too large amount reduces the clamping force required.

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

This could result of a radius rod falling off, affect the stability of the vehicle and causes a crash.

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

A loose attachment should be detected at regular inspection.

It will first create some unusual noise.

The vehicle stability will deteriorate gradually.

If a rod fall is detached completely, it will create a great amount of noise (knocking) and the stability will be undoubtedly reduced.

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

N/A

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

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.

Early in year 2005, we were made aware of radius rods getting loose on recent production vehicles (less than a year). We immediately engaged a thorough investigation. We finally concluded that the replacement of a locking liquid (Loctite) by an antisize type was the rout cause of the defect.

Necessary modifications were introduced immediately in production and all vehicles not yet delivered were corrected.

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.

N/A

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Basically the installation was put back as it was prior April 2004. The antisize product is replaced by Loctite style.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

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.

March 21 2005, Decision made for a safety recall.

March 31 2005, Recall will be sent to customers.