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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report³

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On April 7, 2005, Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108) 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 Reports.

Date this report was prepared: April 7, 2005

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.

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.

258 Beacon Street
Somerset, PA 15501

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

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

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Signed: Theodore V. Harris 4-7-05

³Each 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 Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

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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): Folding Trailer Model Years Involved: 2005 Model(s): Scorpion

Production Dates: Beginning: 12/21/04 Ending: 3/31/05

VIN Range: Beginning: 73500 Ending: 73599 (100 trailers)

Vehicle Type: Towable Bodystyle: Toy Hauler

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

None

Make(s): Folding Trailer Model Years Involved: 2005 Model(s): Scorpion

Production Dates: Beginning: 12/21/04 Ending: 3/31/05

VIN Range: Beginning: 75300 Ending: 75375 (76 trailers)

Vehicle Type: Towable Bodystyle: Toy Hauler

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

None

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. 100%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
Scorpion	2005	176

Total Number Potentially Affected by the
Recall: 176

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:

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has manufactured 176 Scorpion
trailers during the period of 12/21/04 to 03/31/05 that contain
the noncompliance with FMVSS-108. This is the first production
of this trailer and these trailers are the only units manufactured
to date

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 Scorpion trailers were manufactured with rear and rear-side marker lights without reflex reflectors per FMVSS-108. These marker lights are located on the rear bumper assembly. There are a total of (2) rear and (2) rear-side lights in non-compliance.

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

The rear and rear-side marker lights were purchased and installed without the reflex capability. Marker lights with reflex reflector capability are available from our supplier.

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

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 vehicles location in the dark.

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

No warning can precede or occur due to this noncompliance.

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

This noncompliance is not in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier.

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

Not required (see above)

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.

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.

Noncompliance determined during a trailer review at our corporate headquarters in Riverside, CA on April 1, 2005. Notification of this noncompliance was received in the Somerset, PA plant via e-mail on April 1, 2005.

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.

To correct this noncompliance, the current four (4) marker lights P/N M146FR will be removed and replaced with four (4) marker lights P/N 143R with reflex. The four new lights will also require a surface mount bracket P/N 2592 to attach the lights to the rear bumper assembly. The recall condition has no reflex reflectors.

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

The remedy component/assembly will contain marker lights (x 4) that will have reflex reflector capability to comply with FMVSS-108 Federal lighting equipment requirements.

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 production remedy is identical to the recall remedy in the
field.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

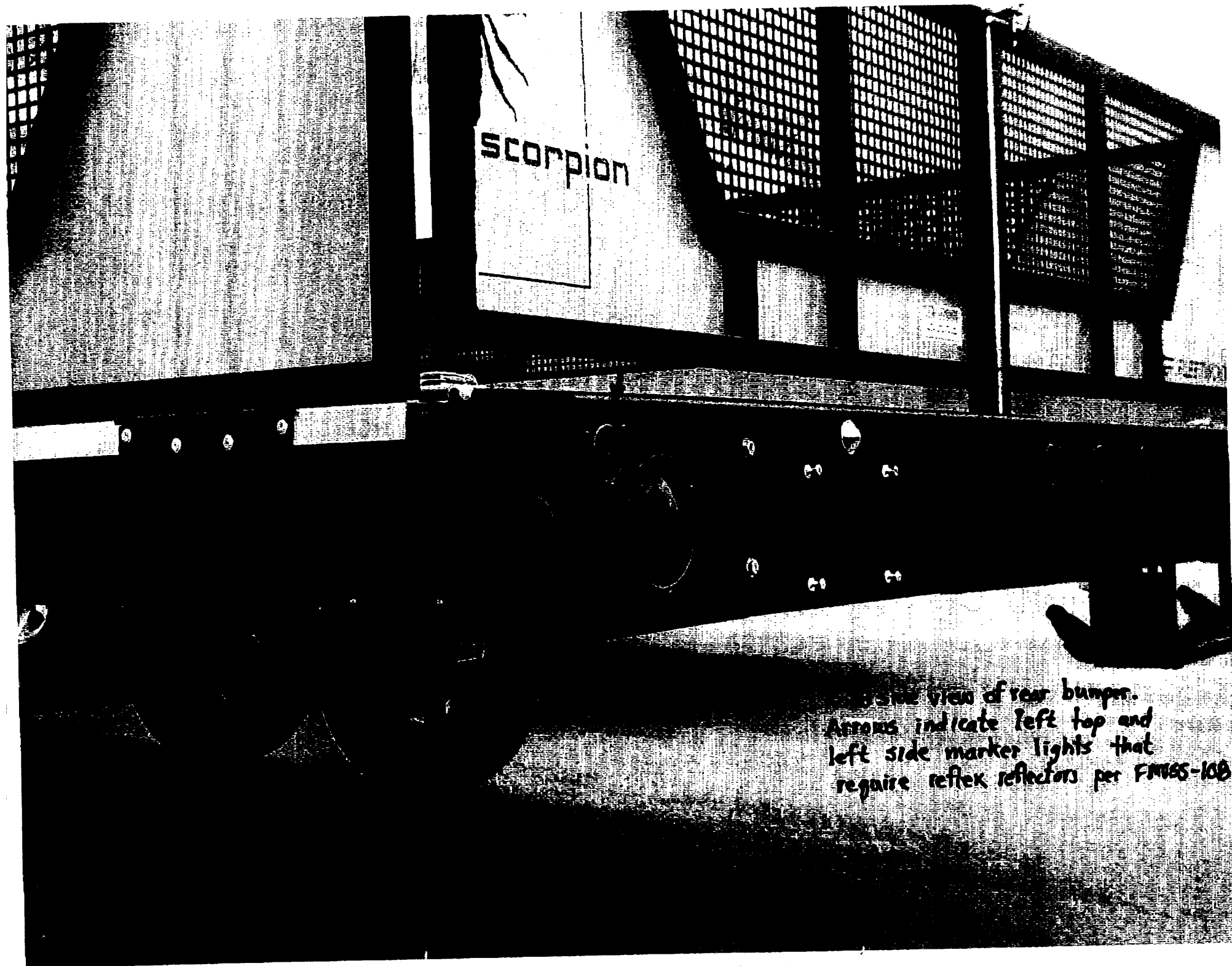
Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

No other Flectwood manufacturers need to be notified. All
recalled trailers were manufactured at the Somerset, PA plant.
Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to NHTSA
within five days of transmittal. This correspondence will include:
(I) Letter of Dealer Notification
(II) Letter of Customer Notification
(III) Recall Service Bulletin

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. 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 573.8 requirements.



side view of rear bumper.
Arrows indicate left top and
left side marker lights that
require reflex reflectors per FMVSS-108



Curbside view of rear bumper.
Arrows indicate top right and
right side marker lights that require
reflex reflectors per FMVSS-108.