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April 25, 2005

Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NSA-01)
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Noncompliance Report (Recall #05V144)

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has decided that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard #108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment", exists in folding trailers as listed below and is furnishing this notification in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on April 7, 2005.
- Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has assigned Product Recall Service Bulletin 05-1 (PR:05-1) as an identification code to this recall.

- (1) The affected folding trailers were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiary of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. at the following location:

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.
258 Beacon Street, P.O. Box 111
Somerset, PA 15501

The agency should contact the following individual with respect to this recall:

Theodore V. Harris, P.E.
Chief Design Engineer
Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.
258 Beacon Street, P.O. Box 111
Somerset, PA 15501
Telephone: (814) 443-7367 FAX: (814) 443-7332

- (2) The vehicles involved in this recall are 2005 model year Scorpion folding trailers, manufactured from December 12, 2004 through March 31, 2005. The March 31, 2005 date coincides with a production change that incorporates the correct rear and side rear marking lights with reflex reflectors.

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These folding trailers were built with a vehicle identification number range of:

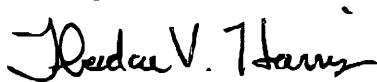
	<u>Beginning</u>		<u>Ending</u>
2005 Scorpion V.I.N. range:	4CG648M2057273500	to	4CG648M2157273599
2005 Scorpion V.I.N. range:	4CG648M2257275300	to	4CG648M2057275375

- (3) Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. reports 165 as an approximate number of folding trailers containing the noncompliance.
- (4) Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. estimates that 100% of the identified folding trailers contain the noncompliance.
- (5) A noncompliance to the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard #108 exists on the subject folding trailers as required under Table 1 – “Required Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment Other Than Headlamps” and Table 2 – “Location of Required Equipment” of 49 CFR 571.108. The subject folding trailers were not equipped with red reflex reflectors on the rear and red reflex reflectors on the side as far to the rear as practicable.
- (6) Not applicable
- (7) Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. began an investigation on April 1, 2005 when this situation was identified by Fleetwood Corporate Engineering.
- Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. is not aware of any accidents or injuries which have resulted from this noncompliance.
- (8) To correct this noncompliance, Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. will remove the four (4) marker lights P/N M14GFR and replace with four (4) marker lights P/N 143R with the reflex reflectors. The four new marker lights with reflex reflectors will also require a surface mount bracket P/N 2592 to attach the new lights to the rear bumper assembly.
- Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. will perform this service at no charge to the customer.
- (9) Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. intends to conduct a dealer notification mailing on April 29, 2005.
- (10) Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. intends to conduct a customer notification mailing on May 6, 2005.
- (11) Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.
- (12) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to NHTSA within five (5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:

- I) Letter of Dealer Notification
- II) Letter of Customer Notification
- III) Recall Service Bulletin

Please notify the undersigned if additional information is required.

Sincerely,



Theodore V. Harris, P.E.
Chief Design Engineer
FLEETWOOD FOLDING TRAILERS, INC.

Enclosures



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IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION MAY, 2005

TO: All Fleetwood Folding Trailer Dealer Principals, Service Managers, and Parts Managers

**SUBJECT: RECALL CAMPAIGN #05V144
2005 Scorpion Reflex Reflector Recall**

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. is requesting your assistance in conducting a voluntary recall notification campaign in accordance with the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has decided that certain 2005 Scorpion folding trailers fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard #108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment", and are notifying owners in order to correct the nonconformance. A copy of the letter sent to owners is enclosed for your information.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The subject folding trailers were not equipped with red reflex reflectors on the rear and red reflex reflectors on the side as far to the rear as practicable, resulting in a nonconformance to FMVSS #108. At night, without these reflectors installed, when the folding trailer is approached directly from the rear or the side, the approaching driver will not receive reflected reflex light that indicates a large vehicle is ahead. This can result in a collision.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Owners of the above mentioned folding trailers have been asked to contact you for application of the recall remedy. The installation will need to be performed as outlined in the Recall Service Bulletin (PR:05-1). A copy of this bulletin is enclosed with this notice.

Should you perform this service, please complete a Fleetwood Folding Trailer Warranty Claim Form utilizing the flat rate and trouble codes listed in the Recall Service Bulletin (PR:05-1). Once repairs are completed, have the customer sign the work order and submit a warranty claim to Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. for processing. You will be paid a fee in accordance with Recall Service Bulletin PR:05-1. Customers will not be charged for these repairs.

If you have any of these vehicles in your inventory, included with this notice will be a computer list of all the trailers involved that were sold to your dealership. Fleetwood is asking our dealers to repair stock units on their lots.

Federal Law (Section 154 of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966) requires that:

If you have received a notice of recall or failure to comply from Fleetwood or any component manufacturer, you must repair or otherwise correct the defects on vehicles remaining in your inventory, according to the notification, before selling or leasing the vehicles.

Please review this entire recall package with your Parts and Service Staff to familiarize them with the step by step procedure and implement the Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Department at 800/841-3605. Thank you for helping Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. with its continuing efforts to maintain customer satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Lynn Hickey
Technical Administrator
FLEETWOOD FOLDING TRAILERS, INC.

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Enclosures: Recall Bulletin PR:05-1
Copy of Retail Notification
Computer List (if applicable)



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IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION (Recall #05V144) MAY, 2005

Dear Valued Fleetwood Scorpion Owner:

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

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has decided that certain 2005 model year Scorpion folding trailers fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard #108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment".

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The subject folding trailers were not equipped with red reflex reflectors on the rear and red reflex reflectors on the side as far to the rear as practicable. At night, without these reflectors installed, when the folding trailer is approached directly from the rear or the side, the approaching driver will not receive reflected reflex light that indicates a large vehicle is ahead. This can result in a collision.

WHAT WILL FLEETWOOD DO?

The recall remedy consists of installing red reflex reflectors to the rear end and rear side of your trailer bumper. This installation will be performed for you at no charge. This should require minimal time and result in little inconvenience to you.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

To have this kit installed on your Scorpion folding trailer, please contact your selling dealer for an appointment. Estimated time of installation is forty-five minutes. The total length of time your folding trailer will be out of service will depend on the service facilities work schedule at the time of installation.

If you have had this concern corrected previously, you may be eligible for reimbursement of your cost for that repair. For more information regarding this recall (#05V144), contact Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. at 800/841-3605.

When you deliver your Scorpion for repairs, your Fleetwood Folding Trailer Dealer will complete a repair order. Upon completion of the installation, please sign the Repair Order.

Please fill out the enclosed **Vehicle Information Update Card** and return it to Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. If you no longer own this vehicle, please take a moment to provide the name and address of the person you sold it to. This will enable us to send this important information to the new owner.

For leased vehicles: Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you are unable to obtain the specified repair promptly and without charge, please contact:

**Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.
258 Beacon Street, P.O. Box 111,
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501
Phone: 800/841-3605**

If you believe that the dealer and Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. have failed to or have been unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may submit a complaint to:

**Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590**

or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 888/327-4236.

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. is taking these steps in the interest of your safety. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

**Lynn Hickey
Technical Administrator
FLEETWOOD FOLDING TRAILERS, INC.**

/s/

Enclosures: Vehicle Information Update Card



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PRODUCT RECALL SERVICE BULLETIN #PR:05-1

RECALL
BULLETIN:
PR:05-1

SUBJECT:

This service bulletin describes the procedure to replace the rear and side marker lights on certain 2005 Scorpion folding trailer with replacements that incorporate reflex reflectors.

YEAR(S)
AFFECTED:
2005

UNITS AFFECTED:

PRODUCT(S)
AFFECTED:
FOLDING
TRAILERS

2005 Scorpion folding trailers manufactured between December 12, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

IDENTIFICATION OF AFFECTED TRAILERS:

MODEL
AFFECTED:
SCORPION

	<u>Beginning</u>		<u>Ending</u>
2005 Scorpion V.I.N. range:	4CG648M2057273500	to	4CG648M2157273599
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ISSUE DATE:
April 2005

RECALL KIT (P/N 4713-0111) WHICH INCLUDES:

4	Mounting bracket #2592	4800-408
4	Reflex reflector light #M143R	4800-409
4	Mounting plate	4800-410
8	Rivet (long)	4734J186
8	Rivet (short)	4733G060

PROCEDURE:

1. Remove the four marker lights from the bumper by removing the inner cover plate and pulling the wire plug from the rear of each light. See photo 1 for the location of the marker lights to be removed.
2. Align the holes in the "aluminum" mounting bracket with the holes in the "black" mounting plate. Attach both parts using two rivets (P/N 4733G060). See photo 2.

NOTE: Make sure the raised flanges are facing upward.

3. Center the mounting plate assembly over the original hole in the bumper. Make sure the original mounting holes are covered by the assembly and mark the holes. See photo 3.

NOTE: Double check the hole locations before drilling to ensure they are not too close to the edge of the bumper.

4. Drill two 0.199 diameter holes and attach the mounting plate assembly to the bumper using two rivets (P/N 4734J186). See photo 4.
5. Install the reflex reflector marker light to the bracket by inserting the light into the raised flanges and turning clockwise. Turn until the light is tight in the mounting plate assembly.
6. Reattach the wire plug to the back of the new light.
7. Repeat steps 1 - 6 for the other lights indicated in photo 1.
8. Check the function of all the lights.
9. Reinstall both inner cover plates.

When filing a Fleetwood Folding Trailer warranty claim, please use Trouble Code **PR05-1**. A Flat Rate of **.75 hour** will be allowed to perform this product recall. Any questions should be directed to the Technical Service Department at 800/841-3605.

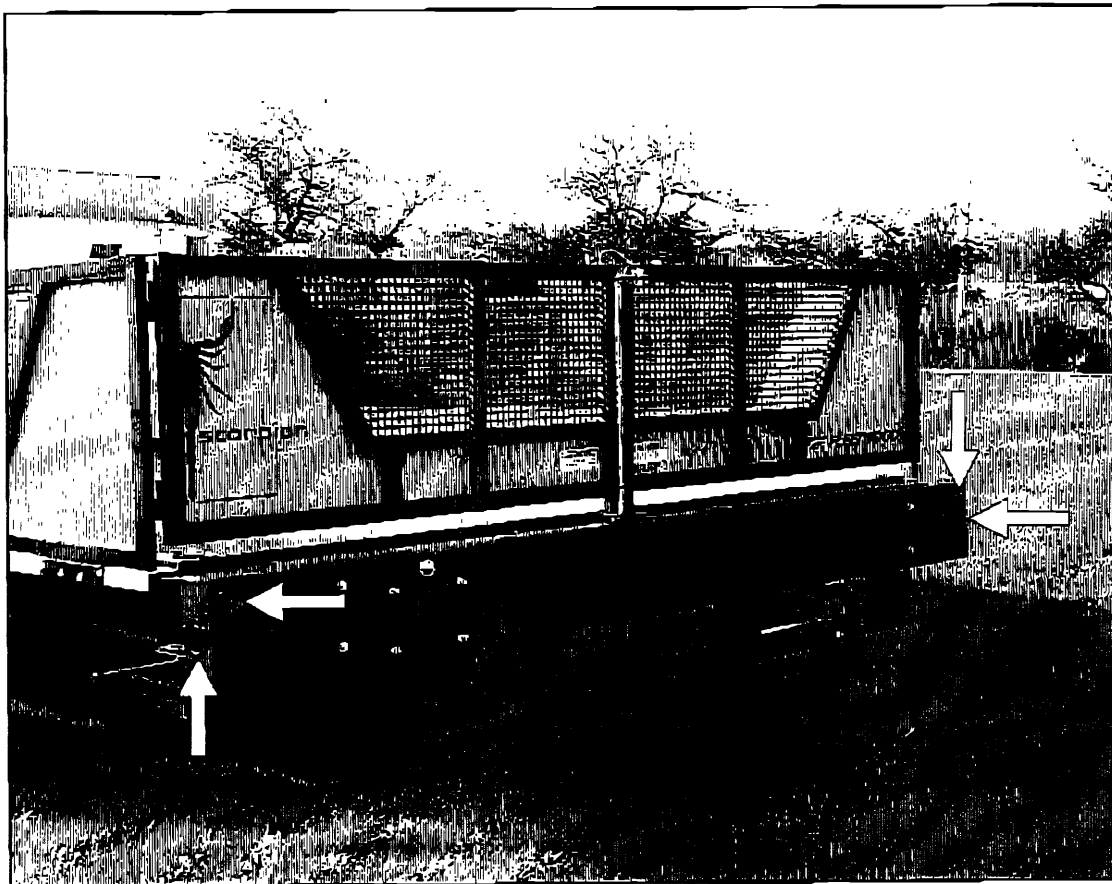


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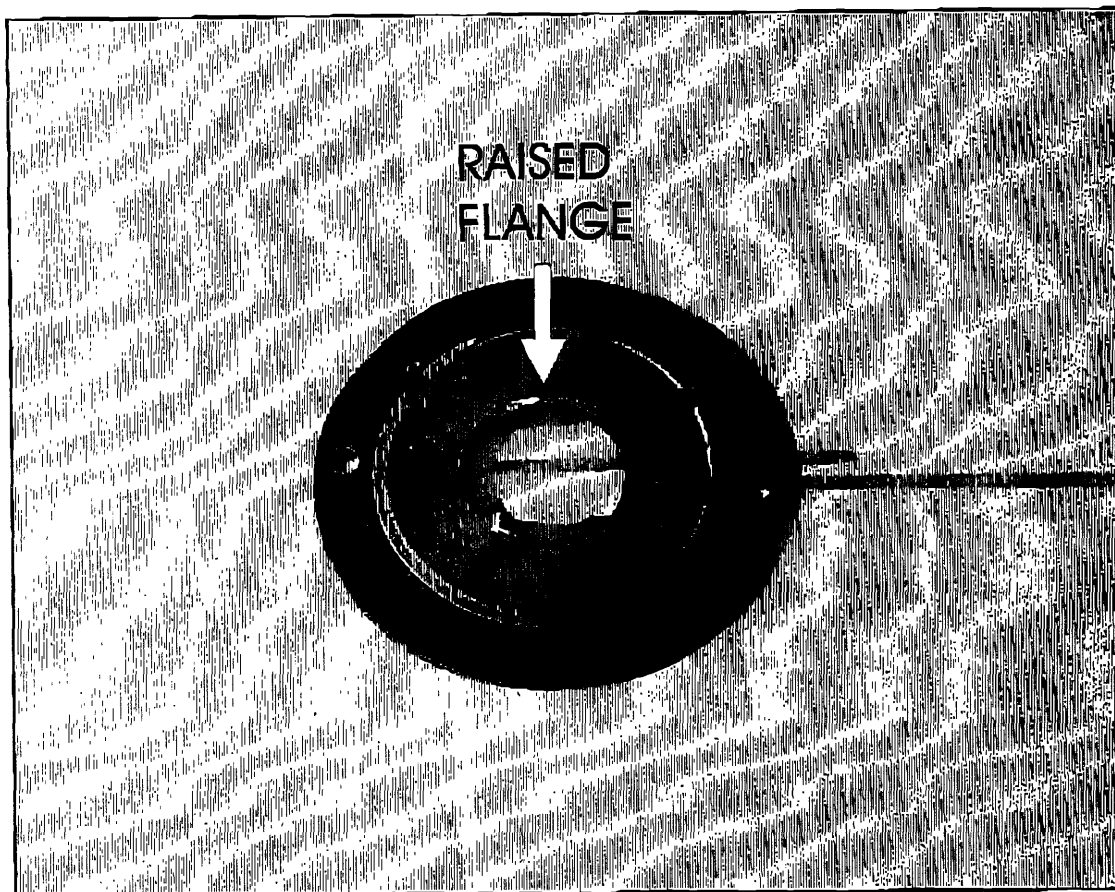


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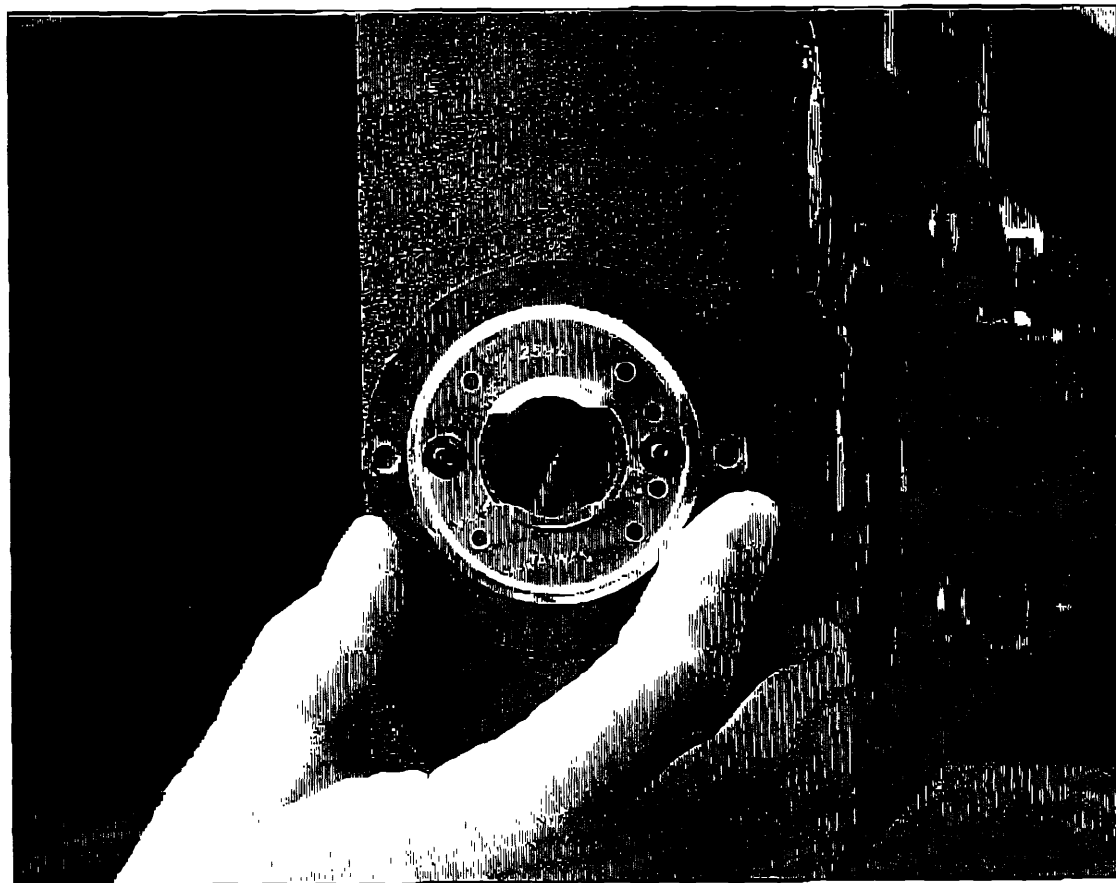


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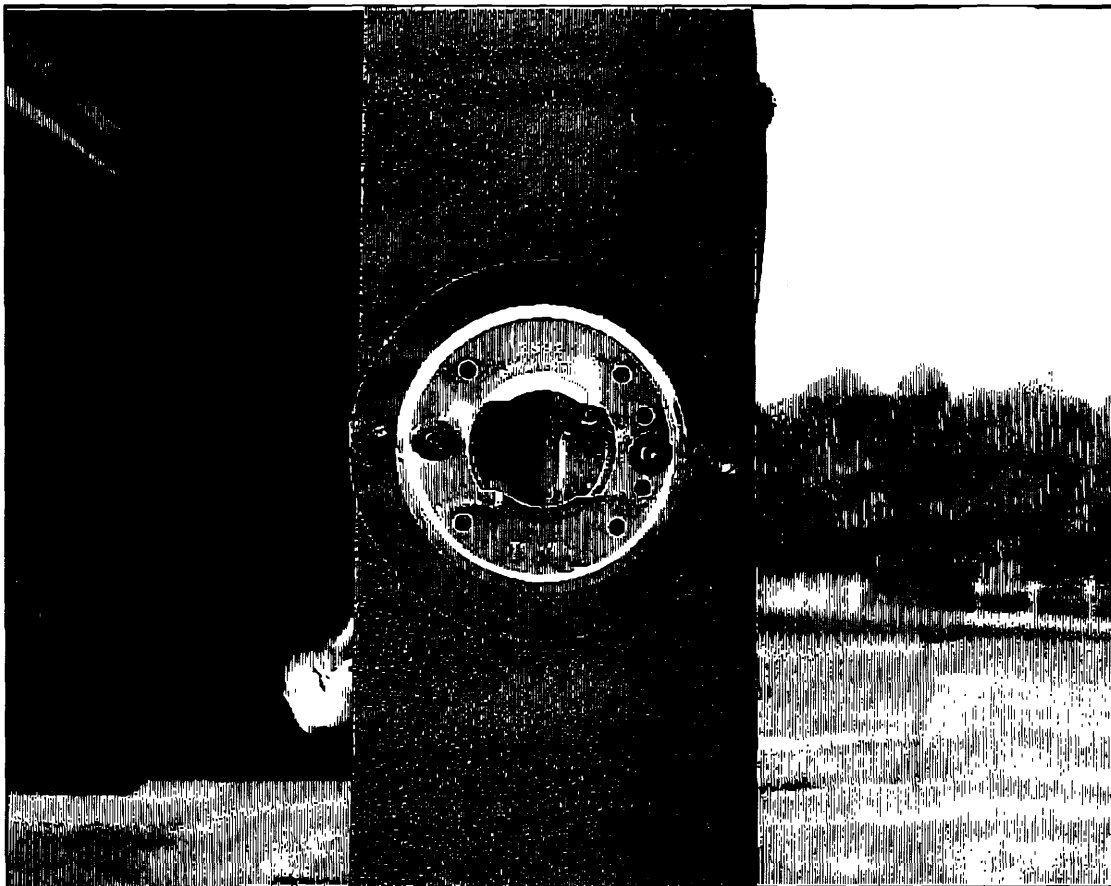


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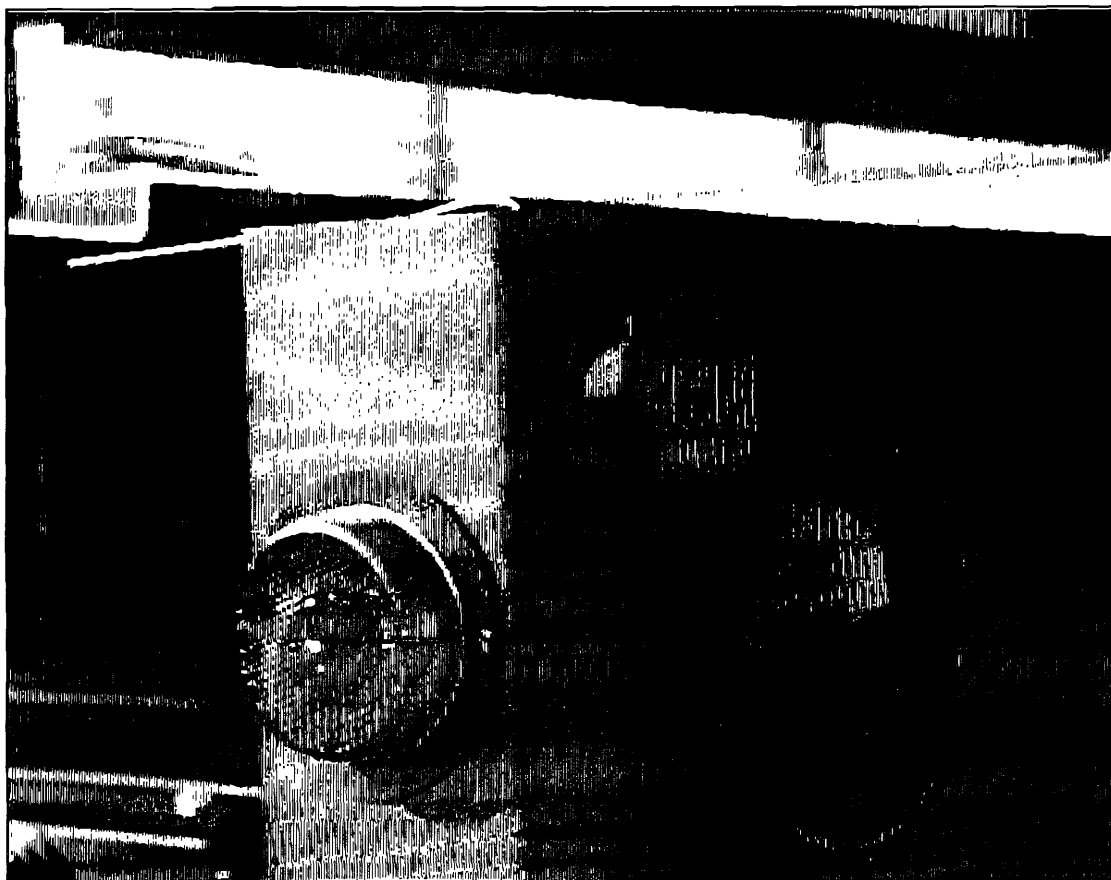


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