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

On April 19, 2005, Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with ~~Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard~~ ANSI No. A119.2) 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 19, 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

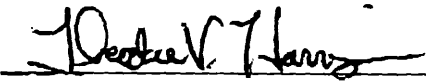
Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Theodore V. Harris, P.E.
Chief Design Engineer

Telephone Number: (814) 443-7367 Fax No.: (814) 443-7332

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Theodore V. Harris, P.E.
Chief Design Engineer

Signed: 

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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 ~~M. Kathleen DeMeter~~ at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.
Kathleen DeMeter

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:

Travel
Make(s): Trailer Model Years Involved: 2005 Model(s): Resort 20CK

Production Dates: Beginning: 9/14/04 Ending: 3/1/05

VIN Range: Beginning: 4CT112J2057206501 Ending: 4CT112J2X57206795

Vehicle Type: Towable Bodystyle: Travel Trailer - Resort

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

None

Travel
Make(s): Travel Trailer Model Years Involved: 2005 Model(s): Resort 21SS

Production Dates: Beginning: 10/12/04 Ending: 4/19/05

VIN Range: Beginning: 4CT114J2057206803 Ending: 4CT114J2X57206856

Vehicle Type: Towable Bodystyle: Travel Trailer - Resort

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

None

Travel
Make(s): Trailer Model Years Involved: 2005 Model(s): Resort 18CK

Production Dates: Beginning: 11/23/04 Ending: 2/14/05

VIN Range: Beginning: 4CT115H1057207002 Ending: 4CT115H1X57207010

Vehicle Type: Towable Bodystyle: Travel Trailer - Resort

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

None

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%

FAX TRANSMITTAL

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.
258 Beacon Street
Somerset, PA 15501
(814) 443-7367 phone

TO: Mr. George Person

FAX: (202) 366-7882

FROM: Ted Harris, P.E.

SUBJ: NHTSA Recall Notification

DATE: 4-21-05

I spoke with a representative from your office regarding a recall campaign that I am initiating for Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. Enclosed is the PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report that you require. Please contact me at (814) 443-7367 with any questions.

Sincerely,
FLEETWOOD FOLDING TRAILERS, INC.



Ted Harris, P.E.
Chief Design Engineer

Enclosure: PART 573 Defect and Nonconformance Report
Submitted 4/21/05

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
20CK	2005	91
21SS	2005	58
18CK	2005	12

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 161

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. manufactured 91 - 20CK, 58 - 21SS, and 12 - 18CK model trailers during the period of 9/14/04 to 4/19/05 that are noncompliant with ANSI A119.2, paragraph 6.2.1. These are the only units of this type 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 Resort 20CK, 21SS, and K18CK trailers were manufactured without a bedroom emergency egress window. This window is located on the road side of the trailer. There is a total of one (1) window per trailer in noncompliance.

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

The windows were purchased and installed with sliding capability instead of emergency egress capability. Emergency egress exit windows are available from our supplier.

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

In the event of a fire or other emergency, persons in the front bedroom area must exit through the access door. If the access door is blocked, there is no way out of the trailer.

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 was determined during a trailer review at our corporate headquarters in Riverside, CA on April 19, 2005. Notification was received in the Somerset, PA plant via e-mail on April 19, 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 sliding window, P/N C850-3759, will be removed and replaced with an emergency egress exit window, P/N C850-16959. The recall condition has no emergency egress exit window on the road side of the trailer.

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

The remedy component/assembly is a 22" x 46" emergency egress window that will comply with ANSI A119.2, paragraph 6.2.1.

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 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 Fleetwood 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 (5) 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.