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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

On May 13 , 2005, Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc. decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) exist 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: May 18, 2005

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): M0010

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.

Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.

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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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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Eric Lannon

Warranty Manager

Signed:

¹Each 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.

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): Hino Model Years Involved: 2005 & 2006 Model(s): NJ8J,NV8J

Production Dates: Beginning: 10/1/04 Ending: 4/15/05

VIN Range: Beginning: 5PVNV8JT452S10403 Ending: 5PVNJ8JT362S10650

Vehicle Type: CAB & CHASSIS Bodystyle: N/A

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

These vehicles were produced on a specific assembly line during the time period specified above.

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:

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.

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
NJ8J	2005	66
NV8J	2005	35
NJ8J	2006	121
NV8J	2006	40

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 262

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

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 report was received form a HMS location that a new truck that had just come off the assembly line had a Air Hose come loose while driving to our holding yard. Upon inspection it was found that their improper amount of torque was applied to the nut that holds this line, which resulted in the line becoming loose. All units produced at the TABC plant that has Airbrakes are being recalled .

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 airline could become disconnected and this would cause a decrease of braking ability or the parking brake to apply with our being activated.

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

The nut that holds the airline in place may not have been properly torqued at the time of assembly

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

The Parking brake may apply with out warning or their service brakes could have a decreased braking ability.

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

Low air pressure buzzer would activate

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

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

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. One is occurred at the vehicle delivery from the dealer to the customer.

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.

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.

Inspect each vehicle and check the torque on the Pinch Bolt Nut. If the Pinch Bolt Nut is not torqued properly then torque the bolt to the correct torque. (39.1 ft. lbs.). Once completed mark nut with a White paint pen

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

Recalled component: Will not have a white paint mark on the nut

Remedy component: Will have a white paint mark on the nut

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.

1. Torque being rechecked on the assembly line.

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.

5/25/05 - Notify Dealers

5/27/05- Mail Customer Notification Letters

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.