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

On 05/17, 2005, Alfa Leisure Inc decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) 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: 05/26/05

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

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.

Alfa Leisure Inc
1612 S. Cucamonga Ave
Ontario CA 91761

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

Ed Campolo / Quality

Telephone Number: 1-800-373-3372 Fax No.: 909-673-9004

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Ed Campolo / Quality

Signed: _____

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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): Alfa **Model Years Involved:** 2005 **Model(s):** Gold See Ya Fifth Wheel Trailers

Production Dates: Beginning: 11/04 **Ending:** 05/05 _____

VIN Range: Beginning: 12935 **Ending:** 13386

Vehicle Type: Trailer **Bodystyle:** Fifth Wheel

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

Contain Dexter Hydraulic Brake Actuator.

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.

4.1%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Vehicles	Number of
Model	Potentially
<u>Alfa Gold See Ya Fifth Wheel</u>	
<u>Year</u>	<u>2005</u>
<u>Involved</u>	
<u>18</u>	

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 18

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 60%

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:

Given the model specific production, the actuator supplied changed part #'s. Original Actuator Part # was K71628 which was replaced with K71651.

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.

A new actuator for the hydraulic brake system, Dexter part # K71651 was supplied from Dexter in which the wiring required for the actuation of the emergency / breakaway brake system was changed.

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

The Dexter actuator part # K71651 requires different wiring to actuate the emergency / breakaway brake system .

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

In the event the trailer becomes disconnected from the towing vehicle the emergency / breakaway brake system may not be activated causing a vehicle crash / accident and injury.

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

There would not be a physical warning.

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

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.

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.

On 5/10/05 it was determined a unit did not actuate the emergency / breakaway brake when being tested at a dealer. After dealer diagnostics and troubleshooting it was determined that the actuator was not operating as wired and the actuator was in fact different than called out in specifications. On 5/17/05 research identified a different part # and component being supplied by the vendor Dexter. The new part # K71651 requires different wiring and the use of a relay to operate correctly.

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.

The current wiring for the brake actuator requires modification and addition of a relay. The current wiring is used connecting the wires through a relay and changing the wiring diagram.

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

Remedied units with part # 71651 actuator will have a relay connecting wiring between the chassis and actuator, units requiring remedy will have chassis wiring direct to the actuator.

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.

Production remedy is the same as the field remedy. Corrected 05/17/05

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.

The units produced with the hydraulic brake actuator are known, dealers and customers are being contacted and arrangements being made to inspect for the condition and remedy as required.

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.