

CRANE CARRIER COMPANY

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Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Via Fax: (202) 366-7882

Reference: Recall No. 05V-380

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

On August 12, 2005, Crane Carrier Company (manufacturer) decided that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in certain motor vehicles, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 573.6, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report.

Date this report was prepared: September 7, 2005

1. Manufacturer: Crane Carrier Company
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I. Identify the Vehicle Model Involved in the Recall

2. Vehicles involved in the recall:

Make: Crane Carrier

Model years involved: 2005

Models: LDT2, LET2

Production Dates: Beginning: 1/20/2005

Ending: 8/17/2005

VIN Range: 1CYCCR5845T046796 Thru 1CYCCK4835T046961

Vehicle Type: Cab and Chassis

Body style: Refuse

The recall population was identified by computer search of all LET2 and LDT2 model cab and chassis' built with specific throttle pedals identified by part number. This search identified all cab and chassis' containing this combination.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect by model year.

Model	Year	Number
LDT2	2005	25
LET2	2005	117

Total number potentially affected by the recall: 142

4. The percentage of vehicles recalled estimated to actually contain the defect is 100%.

III. Describe the Defect

5. Description of the Defect: The defect relates to a mechanical interference that may exist between the throttle pedal and an access plug in the cab sheet metal.

Description of the consequences of the defect: Contact of the throttle pedal with the access plug may result in binding of the throttle pedal resulting in loss of throttle control and therefore engine speed. A loss of control of engine speed may result in loss of vehicle control and vehicle crash can occur without prior warning.

IV. Chronology in Determining the Defect

6. On August 12, 2005, the Crane Carrier Service department was notified by our Quality Assurance Department of a sticking throttle condition they had experienced during their inspection process. Our investigation concluded that a supplier change for the throttle pedal resulted in a dimensionally different pedal that allowed for the interference. This was an oversight of the Crane Carrier Engineering Department.

Crane Carrier has received one warranty claim dated 4/22/2005 for a sticking throttle pedal. The cause was attributed to the access plug and was repaired by trimming of the access plug. No reports of accidents, injuries, or fatalities have been received.

V. Identify the Remedy

7. Description of Manufacturer's remedy for the Defect: The remedy is repositioning of the throttle pedal. Crane Carrier will provide a template that will locate 3 holes to drill for repositioning of the pedal.

Production Correction: The production correction was repositioning of the throttle pedal. The production correction and the recall remedy are identical.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

All vehicles involved in the recall were identified by serial number on August 17, 2005. Owner information has been collected at this time.

Owner notification will begin via certified mail, after approval of the draft Owner Notification letter by NHTSA.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

8. Recall communications will be provided upon their completion.
9. Please find attached draft of the Owner Notification Letter for review.

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OFFICE OF
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

VEHICLE DEFECT OWNER NOTIFICATION

(Recall No. 05V-380)

VIN # : xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Dear Crane Carrier Vehicle Owner;

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

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Crane Carrier has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 LDT2 and LET2 model vehicles.

These vehicles were built with the throttle pedal placement in such a position as to allow for possible contact and binding between the pedal and an access plug in the sheet metal directly next to the pedal.

Contact of the throttle pedal with the access plug may result in binding of the throttle pedal resulting in loss of throttle control and engine speed. A loss of control of engine speed may result in loss of vehicle control and vehicle crash can occur without prior warning.

As a precaution until the defect is corrected, the affected vehicle should be checked for free and unobstructed movement of the throttle pedal through the full range of motion.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Crane Carrier urges you to contact your nearest Crane Carrier Dealer or Service Center for corrective action. Crane Carrier will relocate the throttle pedal at no charge. The labor time necessary to perform this service correction is approximately forty five (45) minutes per vehicle. Crane Carrier will reimburse the installing facility one (1) hour labor per vehicle at their posted labor rate. Reimbursement may be obtained by filing a warranty claim (authorized Warranty Service Centers) or by letterhead invoice (all other facilities). Request for labor reimbursement should be sent to: Director of Service, Crane Carrier Co., P.O. Box 582891, Tulsa, OK, 74158. If you should have any questions concerning this recall notice you may contact the Crane Carrier Company Service Department at (918) 832-7305. Federal Regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

After contacting the Crane Carrier Company Service Department, if you are still not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1 888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of public safety and continued satisfaction with our products. If you have sold or traded the affected vehicle, please let us know by either fax at (918) 832-7333 or by e-mail at service@cranecarrier.com. If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Crane Carrier Company Service Department at (918) 832-7305 or by e-mail at service@cranecarrier.com.

Sincerely

Jeffrey L. Carpenter
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