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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles  
**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report**<sup>1</sup>

On August 18, 2005, Roadrunner Trailers of Texas, Inc. decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exits 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: September 14, 2005

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

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.

Roadrunner Trailers of Texas, Inc.  
1690 E. Hwy 121  
Lewisville, Texas 75056

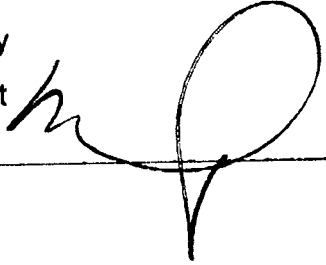
Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Bill Bailey  
President

Telephone Number: (972) 492-0285 Fax No.: (972) 394-9419

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Bill Bailey  
President

Signed: 

<sup>1</sup>Each 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.

**1. 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):** Roadrunner **Model Years Involved:** 2005 **Model(s):** Tri Axle

**Production Dates: Beginning:** 10/21/2004 **Ending:** 10/21/2004

**VIN Range: Beginning:** RR 72364 **Ending:** RR 72364

**Vehicle Type:** Boat Trailer **Bodystyle:** Triple Axle

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

Trailer is stamped with the following serial number: RR 72364

**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.**

.05%



**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.**

Under certain circumstances, the wheels may break while in use. Tom Bowman of NHTSA ODI has been investigating this issue for 5<sup>th</sup> wheel applications.

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

Poor weld quality and insufficient press fit between rim and the disc.

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

The center of the wheel could separate from the rim.

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

The wheel may wobble and cause momentary vibration or the mounted tire on the wheel could lose air causing the wheel to deflate

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

Tredit Tire and Wheel Co, Inc.  
1804 N. Peyco Drive  
Arlington, TX 76001

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

Terrence J. O'Rourke  
President, Tredit Tire & Wheel Company, Inc.

**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.**

August 18, 2005: Roadrunner was notified by Tredit Tire & Wheel Co, Inc. of the metallurgic test conducted and provided the analysis report. There have been no reports of any incidents.

**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.**

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**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.**

Replacement of the subject wheels.

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

The replacement wheels will be of sufficient weld quality and press fit interference.

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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.

Discontinued use of subject wheels.

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#### **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.

September 14, 2005 : Notified Dealer of recall. Replacements wheels available immediately.

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#### **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.