

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

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On September 19, 2005, DoubleTree RV decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety 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: September 21, 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.

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Howe, IN 46746

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.

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¹ 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. George Person at (202) 366-5210 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): DoubleTree Model Years Involved: 2005 Model(s): Mobile Suite

Production Dates: Beginning: March 1, 2005 Ending: April 30, 2005

VIN Range: Beginning: 5KEFA362651002145 Ending: 5KEFA382651002286

Vehicle Type: Recreational Vehicle Bodystyle: Fifth Wheel

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

16" chromium plated welded wheels, either 6 or 8 lug, that contain the rim stamp of "JG" or "HW"

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:

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
Mobile Suite	2005	142

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 142

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 42%

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:

While meeting with Terry O'Rourke from Tredit Tire, DoubleTree RV was informed of specific dates for which the potentially defective wheels were being shipped to manufactures. Based on shipment dates and rotation of stock, DoubleTree is completely confident that by recalling all units produced between March 1, 2005 and April 30, 2005, all potentially defective wheels will be accounted for. The number of units produced during this timeframe is our 142 number mentioned above.

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.

Due to poor weld quality and insufficient press fit between the rim and the disc, under certain circumstances, the wheels may break while in use.

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

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

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

The center of the wheel could separate from the rim and the rim itself could break.