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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Memorandum

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Subject: Part 573 Recall Information Report and Draft Part 577
Notification Letter, Coast Machinery, Inc.
FMVSS No. 108

Date: DEC 1 2005

From: Jeffrey Giuseppe, Chief
Equipment Division, NVS-222

To: George Person, Chief
Technical Analysis Branch, NVS-215

Recall information report received from:

Coast Machinery, Inc

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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On November 11, 2005, Coast Machinery [MFR] decided that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108 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 Responsibility and Reports**.

Date this report was prepared: November 30, 2005

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.

Coast Machinery, Inc.

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

John B. Coast, President

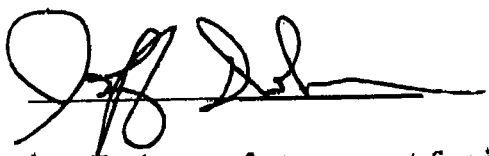
Jeffrey C. Denham, Vice President

Telephone Number: 225-753-1323 Fax No.: 225-753-0412

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Jeffrey Denham, Vice President

Signed:



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 Responsibility and 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.

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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): Coast Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): MM I and MM II

Production Dates: Beginning: June 1990 Ending: June 2005

VIN Range: Beginning: 1G9S122031R126032 Ending: 1C9S20207CB126164

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: Tilt deck trailer

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

All trailers manufactured by Coast Machinery, Inc. will be recalled.

Make(s): Coast Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): MMI

Production Dates: Beginning: 1981 Ending: June 1990

VIN Range: Beginning: N/A Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: Tilt deck trailer

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

Note: 31 MMI trailers were manufactured and VIN was stamped by Louisiana State Police Dept. as "homemade" trailers.

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.

<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of</u>
<u>Model</u>		<u>Potentially</u>

Involved

Coast Machinery, Inc. Trailers MM I and MM II

Between June, 1990 and June, 2005 (VIN #'s identified)

Note: Trailers manufactured between 1981 and June 1990--

VIN #'s unknown, stamped by La. State Police

Total Number Potentially Affected by the
Recall: 167

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

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:

All of Coast Machinery, Inc trailers up to June, 2005 did not have the
3 rear identification lights

All MM II trailers did not have the retro-reflective strips on side rails.

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.

All MM I and MM II trailers were not manufactured with the 3 rear red identification lamps. All MM II trailers were not manufactured with the retro reflective sheeting on the side rails of trailer.

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

Lack of identification lights and retro reflective sheeting.

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

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

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.

A customer inquired about the 3 light identification on our trailer and
after reviewing the Regulations we discovered we were not in compliance.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

1) Identify all purchasers of trailers; 2) Identify appropriate contact
person (owner/safety manager/fleet manager/etc) by phone; 3) Mail notification
and remedy package by Certified Mail to contact person; 4) Follow-up with
phone call to determine compliance installation date; 5) Record by return of
Verification Form, if possible

9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

See enclosures.

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

See enclosures

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.

All trailers manufactured after realizing the non-compliance have been manufactured to meet the regulations.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. 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.

By January 30, 2006, Coast Machinery, Inc plans to notify all purchasers of trailers about the non-compliance.

Possible problems-1) Some of the trailers have been sold at auction;
2) Original purchaser is out of business; 3) Notifying the proper person to be sure recall/correction is implemented.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. 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 579.5 requirements.

COAST MACHINERY, INC TRAILER NON-COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION LETTER

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

REASON FOR NOTIFICATION

Coast Machinery, Inc has determined that a manufacturing non-compliance item which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Marsh Master trailers manufactured prior to July, 2005. These trailers are required to have rear identification lamps located on the rear and in the center of the trailer. Coast Machinery, Inc, MM II trailers are also required to have retro-reflective strips on the side rails of the trailer.

WHAT WILL COAST MACHINERY DO?

Coast Machinery, Inc will supply the following items to remedy the problem:

1. Rear Identification Light Bar
2. Retro-reflective tape
3. Procedure for installation
4. Template for installation
5. Drill bit and fasteners for installation
6. Compliance/Verification document and self addressed envelope for returning to Coast Machinery, Inc.

NOTE: Coast Machinery, Inc will provide reimbursement for labor to install the light bar.
We estimate 1 hour completion time.

WHAT CUSTOMER SHOULD DO

1. Please contact Coast Machinery, Inc to verify receipt of Notification.
2. Install light bar as per instructions.
3. If you can not install, take trailer to mechanic shop/trailer repair shop for installation.
4. Install retro-reflective tape on side rails as per instructions.
5. Send completed Verification Form back to Coast Machinery, Inc.

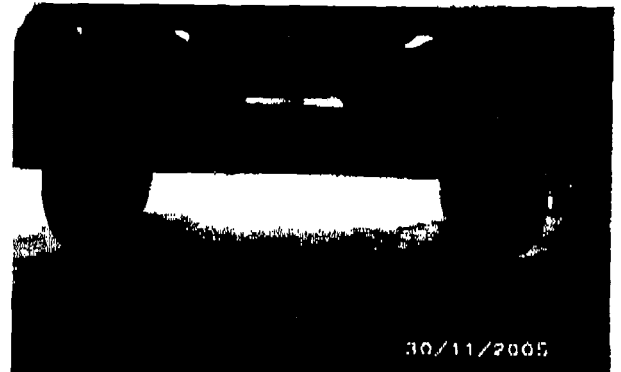
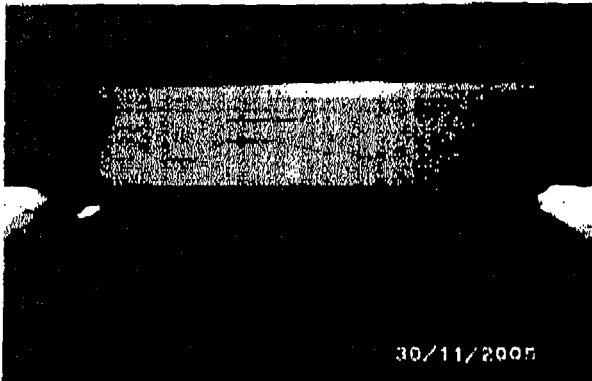
Any questions should be directed to John Coast or Jeff Denham at 1-800-827-5320.

We regret this error and any inconvenience to your company. We do need your full cooperation in this matter.

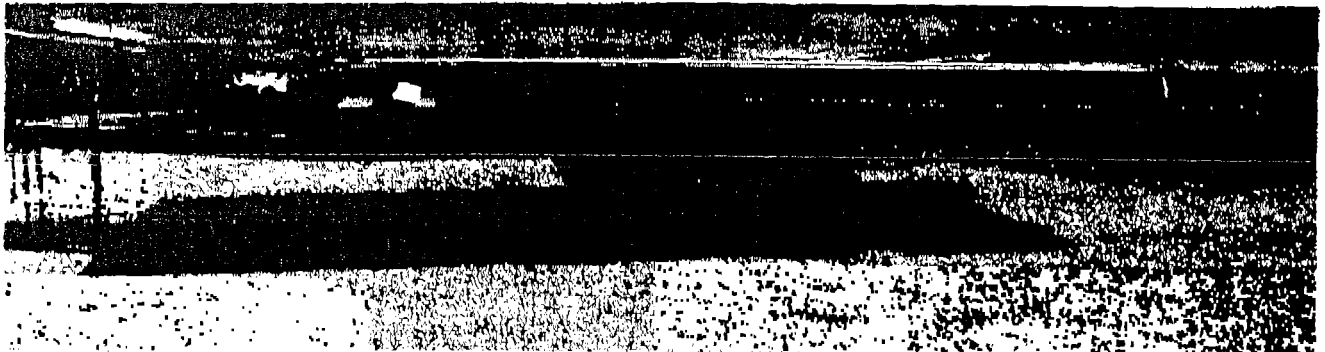
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION LIGHT BAR AND RETRO-REFLECTIVE TAPE

- Locate center of trailer.
- Place template on center mark and mark mounting holes.
- Drill holes with bit provided.

CAUTION: Use proper safety guidelines and precautions when drilling on trailer.



- Mount light bar with fasteners provided.
- Connect red wire to red wire on trailer light and ground wire to fastener.
- Install retro-reflective tape as per photo.



VERIFICATION FORM

RETURN THIS FORM TO COAST MACHINERY, INC
WHEN INSTALLATION IS COMPLETED

I, _____ from _____
Name Company/Agency

on this day _____ have installed the
Date of Installation

Identification Light Bar as per instructions and verify that the Light Bar is
working properly on Trailer VIN # _____ (located on
front inside bottom frame of trailer).

Signature of Installer