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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Equipment
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report⁴

On January 26, 2006, Foreign Parts Dist., Inc. decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 106) exists in items of motor vehicle equipment 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: January 30, 2006

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 171.611.701B

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

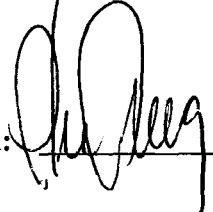
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Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Signed:  Steve Feig
President

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⁴Each 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) 366-5226 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment

2. Identify the Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall, for each make and model or applicable item of equipment product line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the item of equipment), provide:

Generic name of the item: hydraulic brake hose

Make: JP Group A/S **Model:** _____

Part Number: 171.611.701B **Size:** 320 mm

Function: transfer of brake fluid

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:
171.611.701L A L T - marked on hose / replacement part for Volkswagen ("VW")

Rabbit (1975-84); VW Golf (1985-92); VW Jetta (1980-92)

Make: _____ **Model:** _____

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ **Model:** _____

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: _____

Model Years Involved: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ **Model:** _____

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

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. 100% of hydraulic brake hoses part 171.611.701B imported by Foreign Parts Distributors, Inc. from JP Group A/S

II. Identifying the Recall Population

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

Model	Year	Number of Items Potentially Involved
JP Group A/S hydraulic brake hose part 171.611.701B	2004-2006 sales of replacement parts	266 Total

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 266

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100% of the 266 imported hydraulic brake hoses part 171.611.701B

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 items of equipment: All imported hydraulic brake hoses part 171.611.701B were deemed defective and subject to recall. The importer maintained computer records of all its purchasers of such hydraulic brake hose.

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.

Improper equipment markings under FMVSS 106, failure of hydraulic brake hose
water absorption-burst tests, single hose failure of hydraulic brake hose burst
strength test as set forth in Intertek Testing Report No.106-ITS-06-004/06-3078536
(the "Intertek Report")

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

Failure of foreign manufacturer to include required markings. Production defect.

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

Possible brake hose rupture, but neither the original manufacturer nor the
importer has ever had the item returned or has been advised of any adverse
consequence by any customer.

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

Unknown

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

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

Martin Pedersen - General Manager

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. None reported. Defect noted in NHTSA after market product testing.

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.

See copy of the Intertek Report attached hereto.

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.

Ceased sales and removed product from shelf and returned to vendor (JP Group).
Remedy will be replaced with FMVSS 106 compliant brake hose.

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

Remedy component will have two clearly identifiable stripes $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch in width on opposite sides of hose, identification of manufacturer stamped or etched on end fitting. Recalled component did not have the preceding distinguishing characteristics. Replacement item will be certified as having met the performance testing parameters of FMVSS 106.

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.

Company ceased purchase of and removed existing stock brake hoses from stock,
and will replace previously sold brake hoses with FMVSS 106 certified brake hoses.

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.

Importer (Foreign Parts Distributors) has contacted by phone all of its purchasers
of the defective brake hoses, and a substantial number of the hoses are being
returned for refund or replacement (see attached recall phone log). Importer will,
within 30 days, provide formal, written notification of the recall of the defective
brake hoses and will provide each of its customers with posters and/or bulletins
to aid its customers in notifying their customers of the recall.

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: These documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.