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

On June 21, 2006, Holland USA Inc [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) 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: July 6, 2006

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): Holland's recall # 06E-059

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.

Wilson Trailer Company PO Box 2616 Sioux City, IA 51106

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

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Technical Service & Claims Mgr.

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Linda Kollbaum

Technical Service & Claims Asst

Signed: Linda Kollbaum

¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, 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.

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): Wilson Model Years Involved: 2007 _____ Model(s): Grain

Production Dates: Beginning: 6-7-06 Ending: 6-26-06

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: DB Bodystyle: _____

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

Trailers with CB2300 Holland Suspension

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.

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>Potentially Involved</u>	N
Grain	2007		

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 54

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 48%

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:

54 CB2300 suspensions were purchased from Holland USA. Holland came to Sioux
City and tested 46
CB2300 suspensions.

28 tested good

18 tested bad

8 trailers left Wilson's lot and have gone to dealers who have all
been called by Wilson Trailer Company.

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.

The suspension beam casting may have a crack at the inboard, upper flange near the shock mount.

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

The crack is caused by the foundry process when the feeder system cools faster than the casting.

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

If the crack is ignored, it may grow & could cause the beam to crack in half.

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

As the beam cracks grows, the suspension may lose alignment. The driver should notice the difference in drive ability.

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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PO Box 425

Muskegon MI 49443-0425 USA

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

Jack Gisinger, Vice President - Engineering

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.

June 26, 2006 Wilson Trailer was notified by Holland USA

June 26, 2006 Wilson Trailer notified their customers by phone

July 5, 2006 Holland USA committed to contact the 8 trailers

in the field and check these 8 trailers.

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.

8 trailers will be inspected by Holland using dry magnet particle method. Units with cracks will be replaced with a new beam/axle assembly. Holland USA will reimburse Wilson Trailer for all expenses to replace any faulty beam/axle assemblies. All of the 8 field trailers that Holland will inspect and repair as needed will be no charge to the customers.

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.

The faulty suspensions will be replaced with a new beam/axle assembly. The recall suspensions will have cracks.

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

The remedied suspension will be inspected at Holland USA using dry magnet particle method. The recalled suspension testing at Holland USA was faulty.

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.

On June 22, 2006, Holland started inspecting 100% of the beam castings.

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.

June 26, 2006, Wilson Trailer notified by phone, our dealers and purchasers. July 5th, Holland will inspect the 8 trailers in the field. Wilson Trailer Company has 18 new trailers in their possession that Holland found defective. Wilson Trailer will replace the faulty suspension with new beam/axle assemblies. 28 trailers were found to be okay.

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.

No draft. All communications were over the phone.