

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

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On August 15, 2006, Alfa Leisure Inc. 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 Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: August 16, 2006

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): FL467A-F

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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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.

Alan Westerlin

Tread Act Coordinator-Alfa Leisure Inc.

Signed:



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): Alfa Leisure Model Years Involved: 2006 Model(s): See Ya
Production Dates: Beginning: 9/6/05 Ending: on or about 02/28/06
VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: As per Freightliner Notification
Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: Motorhome

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:
As Per Freightliner Notification Letter

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.
As per Freightliner Notification

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Vehicles		Number of
Model	Year	Potentially
<u>Involved</u>		
<u>As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551</u>		

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:
As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

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:

As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

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.

As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

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

As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

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

As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

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

As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

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

As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

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

As per Freightliner Notification NHSTA #05V-551

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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.



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Subject: AAC Front Axle I-Beams

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

Freightliner LLC, on behalf of its Freightliner Trucks Division and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation and Sterling Truck Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific Freightliner Business Class M2, Century, Columbia, and Coronado vehicles; Sterling A/L-Line and Acterra vehicles; and Freightliner Custom Chassis XC motorhome chassis manufactured between September 6, 2005, and October 20, 2005, with Axle Alliance Company front axles.

A forging defect in the top flange of certain front axle I-beams may cause fatigue and fracture, resulting in a possible loss of control and vehicle crash without prior warning.

The front axle will be inspected, and the full axle (FL467A) or the I-beam and knuckles (FL467B-F) will be replaced if necessary.

Repair kits are now available for authorized dealers to order. **IMPORTANT: Replacement parts are specific to individual vehicles or small groups of vehicles, so they must be ordered after your vehicle is inspected by a dealership and it is determined that a replacement is required.**

When you contact your dealer, refer to campaign number **FL467A-F**. Once kit(s) are received at the dealership, the work will take approximately an hour for the inspection and approximately eight hours if the axle must be replaced and will be performed at no charge to you.

IMPORTANT: When the recall has been completed, please ensure that a label has been affixed to your vehicle referencing **FL467A-F**.

If you do not own the vehicle that corresponds to the identification number(s) which appears on the Recall Notification, please return the notification to the Warranty Campaigns Department with any information you can furnish that will assist us in locating the present owner. If you have leased this vehicle, Federal law requires that you forward this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you have paid to have this recall condition corrected prior to this notice, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement. Please see the reverse side of this notice for details.

If you are not able to have the defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, which is not longer than 60 days after you tender the vehicle for repair, please contact the Warranty Campaigns Department at (800) 547-0712, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, e-mail address WarrantyCampaigns@freightliner.com, or the Customer Assistance Center at (800) FTL-HELP or (800) STL-HELP, after normal business hours. You may also wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 7th Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or to <http://www.safercar.gov>. If your vehicle is involved in the Canadian portion, you may wish to notify Transport Canada, ASFAD, Place de Ville Tower C, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5, or phone (800) 333-0510.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause but feel certain you understand our interest in motor vehicle safety.

WARRANTY CAMPAIGNS DEPARTMENT

Enclosure