

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

On July 13, 2006 Tracker Marine, LLC 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: AUGUST 28, 2006

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): TS-0012

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.

Tracker Marine, LLC
2500 E. Kearney
Springfield, MO 65803

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

Sharon Hutchens
Advocacy Response Supervisor

Telephone Number: 417-873-4528 Fax No.: 417-873-5036

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

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Signed:

Sharon Hutchens

¹Each 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) 366-5227 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): Trailstar **Model Years Involved:** TS-0012 **Model(s):** P16

Production Dates: Beginning MARCH 12, 2004 **Ending:** APRIL 19, 2006

VIN Range: Beginning: 4TM13HD105B001026 **Ending:** 4TM13HD146B001127

Vehicle Type:Trailer **Bodystyle:** Boat

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

The 2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailer capacity tags and the 2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailer with brakes capacity tags are incorrect. Capacity tags on all 2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailers manufactured prior to 5/1/06 have tags that show the maximum trailer capacity at 2770 pounds. The correct capacity tag should have the maximum trailer capacity at 2700 pounds.

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 %

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>
<u>P16</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>268</u>

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 268

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100 %

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:

Tracker Marine Group recently discovered that the 2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailer capacity tags and the 2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailer with brakes capacity tags are incorrect. Capacity tags on all 2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailers manufactured prior to 5/1/06 have tags that show the maximum trailer capacity at 2770 pounds. The correct capacity tag should have the maximum trailer capacity at 2700 pounds.

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.

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

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

Load exceeding correct rating may result in excessive wear to equipment and if not noticed, a tire blow-out may occur during transport.

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

Premature wear of tires, suspension components of trailer

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.
July 13, 2006 in review of capacity tag information for all trailers, error in rating was determined.
At that time, NHTSA was notified of our intention to issue a service bulletin. On August 24th,
NHTSA notified us we would be required to designate this as a “recall”.

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.

Attached Recall Notification

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

Attached Recall Notification

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.

Production changes in relation to tires designated as acceptable for sale and use with this trailer model caused the information to be correct 5/01/06.

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.

- Dealers to be notified via web site no later than 8/28/06.
- Dealers to be notified by mailing 8/28/06 thru 8/30/06.

- Consumers to be notified via mailing 8/30/06 thru 9/6/06.

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



Recall Notice

Bulletin Number: TS-0012

Models Affected: 2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailers manufactured prior to 5/1/06
2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailers with brakes manufactured prior to 5/1/06

Condition: Incorrect trailer capacity tag

Information

DESCRIPTION OF CONCERN:

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CORRECTIVE ACTION:

Correct capacity tags are being sent to dealers with affected model trailers. Once the tags arrive, replace the capacity tag on all 2005 & 2006 Tracker Panfish 16 trailers at your dealership.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION:

All warranty registered trailer owners of the above mentioned model have been sent a correct capacity tag in the mail. If you are aware of any affected units that have been sold and not registered as of the date of this bulletin, please e-mail Tracker Marine Group immediately at TMGCOMPLIANCE@TRACKERMARINE.COM with all pertinent registration information.

If you have any additional questions concerning this recall notice, please contact your Warranty/Tech Representative at the "Dealer-Only" toll-free phone # 866-378-2529



TRACKER MARINE GROUP

August 30, 2006

Dear Valued Customer:

This notice is being sent in compliance with the requirements of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Your boat trailer has been included in a recall. You should discontinue use of your trailer immediately until the correct capacity tag has been applied.

It has been determined that your trailer may have an incorrect capacity tag that does not meet the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's regulations. This letter is to inform you that the original capacity tag affixed to your 2004 - 2006 Tracker Tundra 18 trailer displays an incorrect weight capacity for the trailer. We are providing a new capacity tag to be affixed to your trailer. Please review this letter and follow the instructions that have been provided.

The original capacity tag should be located near the front of the trailer. The original capacity tag can be removed with a knife or scraper along with acetone or any petroleum based adhesive remover. After the original capacity tag is removed the surface must be washed with soap and water and allowed to dry completely before the new capacity tag is affixed. The new capacity tag should be affixed to your trailer by removing the protective paper strips on the back of the tag. The new capacity tag should be held in place until firmly affixed.

Your original boat package does not exceed the correct capacity limit listed on the new trailer tag. However, if you have made modifications to your boat package, you should seek the assistance of your dealer to confirm that the package weight is under the limit.

After you complete this process, please complete the enclosed acknowledgement form. Enclose the old capacity tag in the self addressed paid envelope and we will send you a \$20.00 Bass Pro Shop Gift Card for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your Tracker Marine Group dealer. Additionally you may contact Tracker Marine Group Consumer Relations at 417-873-4555.

Please accept our most sincere apology for your inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our product.

Sincerely,

Tracker Marine Group

Sharon Hutchens
Advocacy Response Supervisor

Tracker Panfish 16 Trailer Acknowledgement Form

Name:

Address:

Boat serial number:

I _____ hereby acknowledge that I
(Full Name)

have removed the original capacity tag and have replaced the correct capacity tag on the
Trailer serial number listed above on _____
(Date)

(Signature)

***** REMINDER: OLD TAG MUST BE RETURNED *****

***** THE RETURN OF THIS FORM WITH THE
OLD TAG TO TRACKER MARINE GROUP WILL
INITIATE THE MAILING OF YOUR \$20 BASS
PRO GIFT CARD *****

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