

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹ (8 pages)

06V-475

On Sept.18th, 2006, Crossroads RV. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 573) exits 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: 12-14-06_____

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.

305 Hawpatch

Topeka, IN 46571.

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

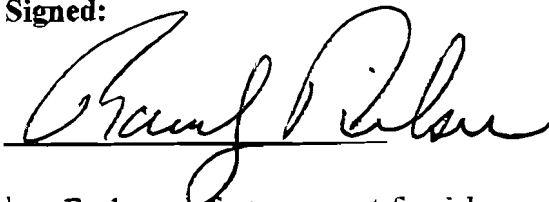
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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Randy Nielsen-Vice President Customer Care

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.

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): Crossroads **Model Years Involved:** 2006 **Model(s):**

Zingers

Production Dates: Beginning: 6-2-06 **Ending:** 6-27-06

VIN Range: Beginning: A004538 **Ending:**
A004678

Vehicle Type: Towable **Bodystyle:** FW & TT

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

N/A

Make(s): Crossroads **Model Years Involved:** 2006 **Model(s):**

Sunset Trail

Production Dates: Beginning: 6-5-06 **Ending:** 6-20-06

VIN Range: Beginning: D003940 **Ending:**
D004001

Vehicle Type: Towable **Bodystyle:** T.T

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

N/A

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>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Potentially</u>
<u>Involved</u>		
Zingers	06	106
Sunset Trail	06	60

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 166

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 0%

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:

Crossroads RV were notified by Lippert that they found axles at our production facilities that had bad welds. They informed us when the axles were delivered to us and we determined that those axles could have been installed on units in the following 2 weeks of production. This numbers range is covered on item #2

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 weld joining the axle tube to the spindle was mislocated

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

Probably increased production and not enough Q.C procedures or not the correct procedures

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

The spindle could separate from the axle tube causing the wheel and hub assembly to come off the vehicle

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

No warnings without inspecting the weld

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

Lippert Components, Inc.

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

Scott Mereness-Executive Vice President CEO

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. On 8-30-06 we were notified by Lippert of axles that were found at our plants. No reports in field of any failures

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.

N/A

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.

Lippert Components, Inc. will inspect all units listed and replace axles if the weld is found to not be within their tolerances, depending on the type of axle and weld process

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.

Lippert Components, Inc. will inspect units identified in their figure A and replace the axles if the spindle weld is not within their desired tolerances

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

Recalled axles will have serial number tags within the ranges of 184749 through 184766

OR 204254 through 204313

Axles not recalled will be outside the above mentioned ranges

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.

Starting in June 2006, Lippert implemented new Q.C procedures

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.

Lippert will contact dealers and customers by letter as soon as NHTSA has given their approval

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.