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Washington, DC 20590

Reference: 579.5 and 573.8 requirements.
Monthly submissions.

During the month of December 2006 there was a recall from Brasscraft, on a T- fitting. Brasscraft request information from Trail King on fitting used during a specific time period. I have enclosed the recall info that was sent to Trail King and also the info that we returned back to Brasscraft so they could take appropriate action. Any specific questions that need to be answered on this particular item Ty Hanten from our Fargo branch can be contacted. (800-762-5557). There were no other bulletins, notices or other communications regarding any defect.

This letter is to fulfill the requirements of the TREAD Act monthly submissions.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.
Thank You.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Hofer".

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DATE: 10/19/2006

TO: DEALERS / CUSTOMERS

RE: BRASSCRAFT MODEL 225-6 T PIPE FITTING RECALL

Dear Customers and Service Managers,

BrassCraft has recently announced a recall of a brass T fitting we use in production of our trailers. In accordance with the guidelines of the recall I am notifying everyone who may have been affected by the recall, your trailer **may or may not** have had the fittings in question installed. I will need you to please review the attached information regarding this recall and contact your dealer or myself with any questions regarding the replacement of the recalled fittings.

The attached guide will explain the identification process and the reason for recall. This is not a Trail King Industries recall, it is a recall from BrassCraft.

We will allow ½ hour per fitting to replace and the cost of the fitting. If you believe the fitting in question is on your trailer it will need to be replaced and **all removed fittings will need to be returned** to Trail King Industries. at 202 8th Street west, West Fargo, ND 58078, Attn: Ty Hanten.

If you do not return the removed fitting I will need a signed statement from yourself explaining the reason for not complying with the recall guidelines.

The following will help explain where to look for the defective fittings, you may find between 1 to 4 fittings on your trailer depending on the model:

Bottom Dumps: Oiler system and brake chambers

Live Bottoms: Oiler system, door valve supply and brake chambers

Please direct any questions to Ty Hanten or Dave Brakken at 1-800-762-5557

Thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.

Ty Hanten

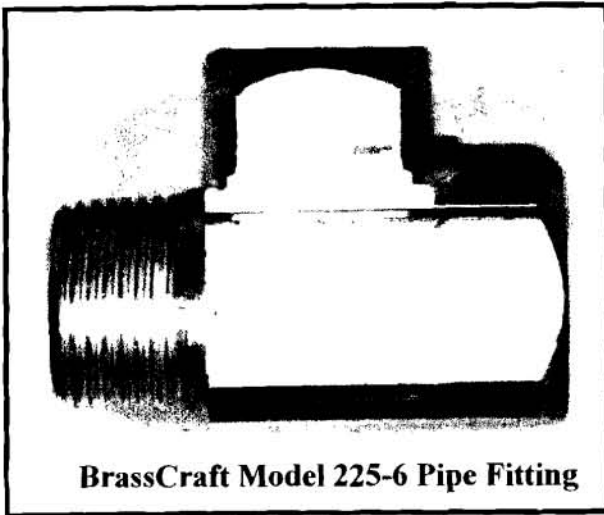
Warranty Manager
Trail King Industries
202 8th Street West
West Fargo, ND 58078

SN#	MODEL	QTY	REPLACED	DATE
7869	LB	4		4 DONE
8618	OLB	2		2 DONE
8600	OLB	2		2 DONE
8621	LB	2		2 DONE
7168	BD	4		4 DONE
7867	BD	4		4 DONE
7835	BD	3		3 DONE
7837	BD	4		4 DONE
7836	BD	4		4 DONE
8619	LB	1		1 DONE
8620	LB	2		2 DONE
7834	BD	1		1 DONE
7842	BD	1		1 DONE
7831	BD	1		1 DONE
7830	BD	1		1 9/8/2006
7194	BD	1		1 DONE
7843	BD	1		1 DONE
7137	OLB	1		1 DONE
8648	BD	4		4 DONE
7899	LB	2		2 DONE
8662	BD	4		4 DONE
7815	LB	4		4 9/8/2006
7816	LB	4		4 9/8/2006
7118	OLB	3		3 DONE
7163	LB	2		2 DONE
7868	OLB	4		4 DONE
6494	OLB	1		1 DONE
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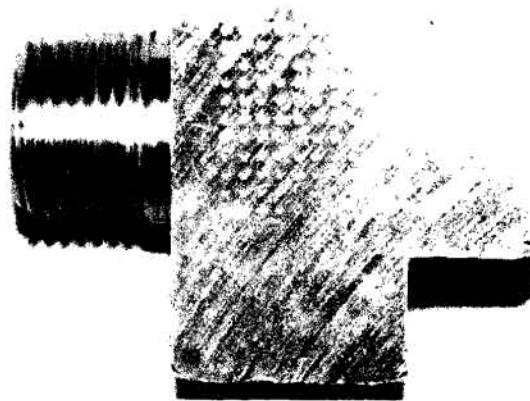
BrassCraft Model 225-6 Street T Pipe Fitting Recall Guide

To help you determine whether the pipe fittings in your inventory or installed in your vehicles are the recalled model manufactured by BrassCraft, we are providing below a comparison guide that illustrates the differences between BrassCraft's Model 225-6 fitting and other similar fittings manufactured by other companies, including Parker, Eaton and Anderson.

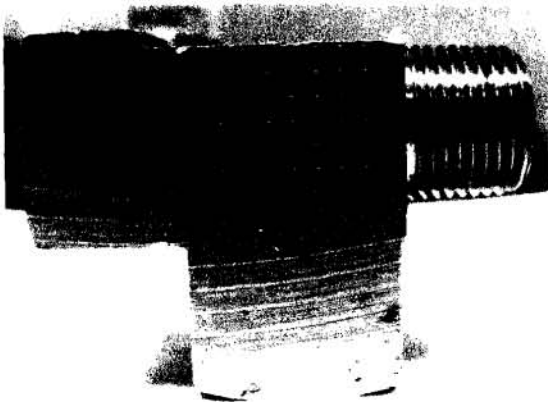
Only the BrassCraft 225-6 fitting is being recalled at this time.



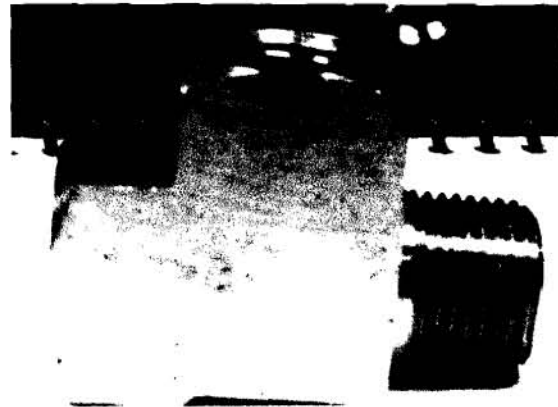
BrassCraft Model 225-6 Pipe Fitting



Parker Street T Pipe Fitting



Anderson Pipe Fitting



Eaton Street T Pipe Fitting

*** IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE REGARDING
CERTAIN BRASSCRAFT 225-6 PLUMBING FITTINGS
USED IN TRUCK AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS ***

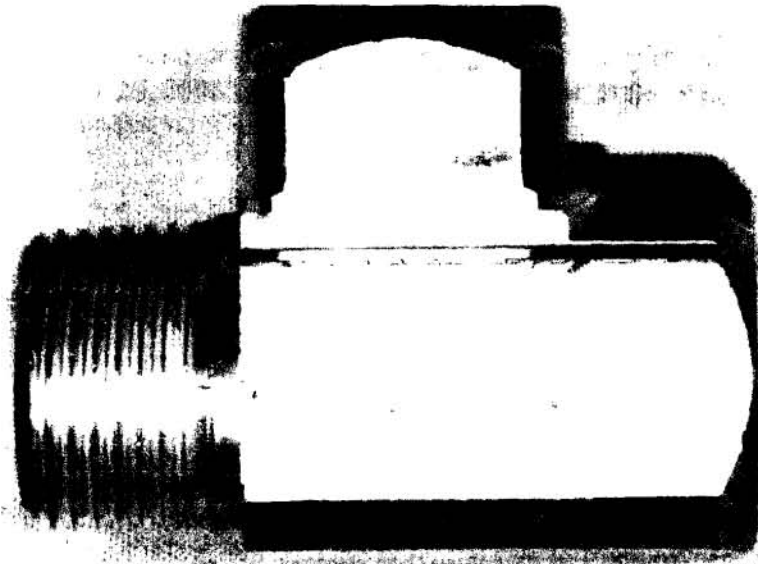
September 25, 2006

To Our Valued Customers of BrassCraft Products,

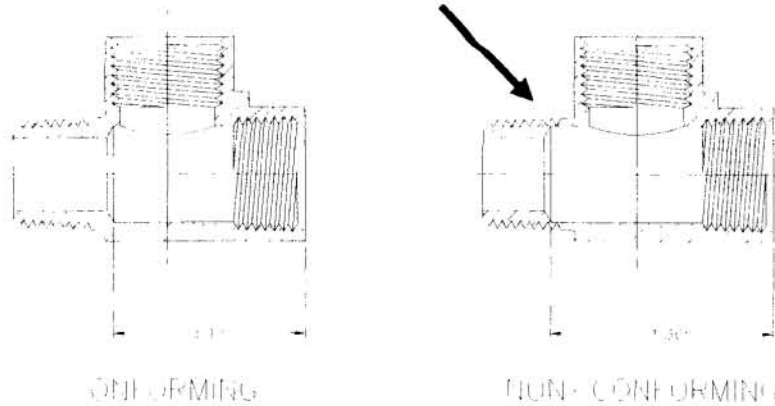
BrassCraft Manufacturing has been investigating recent reports of failures of brass street tee fittings (Model No. 225-6, pictured below) used in air brake systems of certain trucks and tractor trailers. BrassCraft has discovered that a manufacturing error occurred during production of these fittings earlier this summer. During manufacture, the fitting is drilled from the right side (as shown in the cross-section view below) to a nominal depth of 1.17 inches. In some cases, though, the fitting was drilled too deep, resulting in a thin wall in the male pipe thread as indicated by the arrow in the diagram below.

As a result of this error, the male pipe thread may break off during or after assembly.

Model No. 225-6 Pipe Fitting



Cross-Section View of Product



BrassCraft understands that these fittings are used in air brake systems on tractor trailers. If the fitting fails while in use, the air brake system could depressurize, causing the brakes to engage suddenly.

To address this serious safety issue, BrassCraft is recalling all Model 225-6 pipe fittings it shipped during the affected period. The suspect parts were packaged in BrassCraft cartons dated from May 25, 2006 to no later than August 14, 2006. The date code on the label has the form LYYMMDD/S where:

L = location ("6" in this case)
YY = year (e.g., "06")
MM = Month
DD = Day
S = Shift

(For example, a carton with a date code of "6060710/1" was packaged at location 6 on the 1st shift July 10th, 2006.)

To date, there have been no injuries resulting from this problem and very few reported failures of the part. Nevertheless, we take the potential risk to truck owners and drivers seriously. Due to that risk and the fact that these units do not meet the high quality standards for our products, we have notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the need to recall these products. We need your help to ensure the success of this recall. Moreover, if you are an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), NHTSA requires that you provide assistance in recalling parts whose failure could result in personal injury.

We are contacting you because your supplier, Crawford Machine, Inc., has identified you as a purchaser of one or more of these fittings manufactured between May 25, 2006 and August 14, 2006.

What Corrective Action Is BrassCraft Taking?

Not all Model 225-6 fittings packaged between May 25, 2006 and August 14, 2006 were incorrectly made. However, the manufacturing error is not noticeable to the naked eye. BrassCraft asks that you return to Crawford Machine, all Model 225-6 fittings you received from Crawford Machine after July 6, 2006. Units shipped from Crawford after August 30th have been inspected and are not affected by this recall. In the event you are unable to determine the shipment date of the fittings in your inventory, please return to Crawford all of the Model 225-6 fittings in your inventory for replacement.

Affected fittings that already have been installed on tractors or trailers will be replaced at BrassCraft's expense. Units that have been installed, but are still in your control should be quarantined until they can be replaced. Please contact Dale Myers at BrassCraft (Phone: 248-305-6000) to discuss how BrassCraft can assist you in this matter.

Be assured that BrassCraft intends to reimburse you for reasonable labor and shipping charges you incur in implementing this recall.

Your Assistance Is Needed Now

- Please immediately discontinue installation or sale of any Model 225-6 fittings in your inventory until that inventory has been replaced with new fittings. Trailers with affected fittings installed should not be used until the fittings are replaced. To help you determine whether the fittings in your inventory or installed in your vehicles are the recalled model, we are enclosing a pictorial guide that illustrates the differences between BrassCraft's Model 225-6 and other similar fittings manufactured by other companies.
- If you are an OEM manufacturer, NHTSA requires that in implementing this recall, you provide identification of the body styles, types, class and gross vehicular weight ratings of the vehicles in which the recalled part was installed, either as original equipment or as a replacement part.
- BrassCraft also needs to know if you sold any of the recalled fittings to a third party. If so, we ask that you contact those third parties immediately to notify them of this problem and to instruct them to quarantine until further notice from us all units with the subject date codes and all trucks that may have one or more of these parts installed. We also ask that you send us the names and contact information of the purchasers of these fittings, so that we can contact those customers to provide instructions on how to proceed.
- If you are contacted by your trade customer or consumers regarding the recall, please instruct them to contact BrassCraft directly.

How Can Your Customers Learn More About This Recall?

Information about the recall will soon be available on BrassCraft's web site at www.BrassCraft.com. Email inquiries about the recall can be addressed to dmyers@brasscrafthq.com, or customers can call BrassCraft at 248-305-6000 during normal business hours.

Your Assistance Is Greatly Appreciated

In closing, we know you share our belief that customer safety is the highest priority. Although to date there have been very few reported failures of Model 225-6 fittings, we are taking this corrective action out of an abundance of caution. By addressing this problem in the straightforward manner described above, we are acting to ensure customer safety while also preserving customer goodwill for you, Crawford Machine and BrassCraft alike. We truly appreciate your support for our efforts to remedy this unfortunate, but limited, problem with our products.

As always, our sales, management and technical staff are available to answer your questions. Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Brass Craft Manufacturing Company