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

On March 1, 2007, East Manufacturing Corp 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: March 6, 2007

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): N/A_____

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.

East Manufacturing Corp
1871 State Route 44, Randolph, Ohio 44265

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

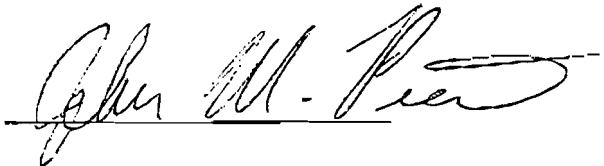
Spencer Grucza Warranty Administrator

Telephone Number: 330-325-9921 Fax No.: 330-325-7851

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

John M. Pierce
Director of Engineering

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.

1. 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): East Manufacturing Corp **Model Years Involved:** 1997-2006

Model(s): Pup Trailer

Production Dates: Beginning: 1997 **Ending:** 2006

VIN Range: Beginning: 1E1W1K680VRK20695 **Ending:** 1E1W3H5867RJ40805

Vehicle Type: Semi-trailer **Bodystyle:** Pup Trailer

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

Only the second or "pup" or pull behind trailer of a doubles semi-trailer combination with a dolly lock device.

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. 2.2%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Number of Vehicles

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Potentially</u>
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Involved

443	1997-2006	

Total Number Potentially Affected by the

Recall: 443

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:

The recall population was determined by selecting vehicles manufactured during the 1997-2006 timeframe that had as part of its makeup the particular component that was deemed defective.

The particular component was instituted in 1997 and was discontinued in 2006.

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 snap ring that suspends the dolly lock pin may dislodge allowing the dolly lock pin to inadvertently engage in the dolly lock tube. Picture available.

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

Snap ring may become dislodged as a result of not deep enough groove machined in pin.

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

If snap ring dislodges, this can allow dolly lock pin to inadvertently engage in dolly locking tube. If dolly lock pin is engaged in dolly lock tube other than when vehicle is in reverse in slow conditions, articulation of the vehicle is limited thus changing handling characteristics of the vehicle.

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

None

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

None

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

None

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.

This is not a non-compliance issue. The first defect was brought to the attention of East Manufacturing Corp on June 13, 2006 of which no injuries were reported.

A second incident was brought to the attention of East Manufacturing Corp. on February 17, 2007. This accident occurred October 3, 2006, but East Manufacturing Corp. was not aware of it until February 17. Some shoulder injury reported.

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.

See separately attached owner letter.

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.

East Manufacturing Corp. will supply to dealers and/or the actual end user a new dolly lock pin assembly with a machined shoulder on the pin rather than relying on the previously used snap ring to suspend the pin above a hold-up compression spring.

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

The new dolly lock pin will be of a larger diameter at the top versus the bottom with a machined shoulder whereas the recalled version is the same diameter top to bottom and has a groove machined to accept a snap ring.

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.

The recall condition was corrected in October, 2006. The production remedy is identical to the recall remedy.

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.

End users (purchasers) will receive notification via mail by May 31, 2007.

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.



March 6, 2007

Dear Customer,

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

East Manufacturing Corp. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain double pup trailers with roller circle converter dolly locks manufactured between 1997 and 2006. There is dolly lock pin arrangement that is normally used to lock the trailers in a straight-line position to back up so as not to induce double articulation between the tractor and lead trailer and the two doubles trailers. The dolly lock pin is suspended above the lock engagement tube via a compression spring and snap ring. If the snap ring becomes dislodged or breaks, the dolly lock pin may inadvertently engage in the tube and will lock the trailers in a straight-line position.

If this inadvertent pin engagement action occurs, the vehicle, particularly under side load g forces that could be introduced during highway leaning from turning, could change the handling characteristics of the tractor-trailer combination. As a result of disabling this articulating joint between the trailers causing the uncharacteristic handling features, the tractor trailer combination could experience handling actions up to and including tipping over of the vehicle tractor-trailer combination.

We believe that you currently have or previously owned one of these units. For this reason we ask that you arrange for your dealer to correct your vehicle without delay. The service and required parts will be provided free of charge.

To correct this condition, your dealer will change out the existing dolly lock pin with the snap ring and will replace it with a new dolly lock pin assembly with a machined shoulder.

The work will only take a few hours to complete. However, additional time may be required depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed. To obtain free service, contact your dealer at your earliest convenience for an inspection and correction. If you don't know where your dealer is located contact East Manufacturing Corp. at 330-325-9921 so that we may direct you to them. If you no longer own this vehicle, please inform us of this when you call.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information, contact East Manufacturing Corp at 330-325-9921.

We regret any inconvenience that this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety. If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or call toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236; or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Thank you for your patience and support in helping us to keep you safe.