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RECALL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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VIA FAX

Mrs. Barbara E. Cooke
Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: 49 CFR Part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Reports* for
Defect Notice 05E-020, Accuride Corporation

Dear Mrs. Cooke:

On April 20, 2005, Wabash National Corporation was notified by Accuride Corporation of a potential problem with certain aluminum wheels that had not been properly pre-stressed that had been purchased by Wabash for incorporation into our product (semi-trailers).

An analysis of engineering bills of material provided information that our exposure to this issue potentially involved 183 of our trailers. The information was provided to our Warranty Manager who was in direct contact with Accuride because one of our customers had already notified us April 8th that they thought they were affected by a safety recall. Upon further investigation, we found that Accuride had notified us at the end of March via mail addressed to a Purchasing Manager who had left the company. We worked out an inspection schedule with our customer and Accuride. The attached spreadsheet shows the current status of that inspection.

In that my duties and responsibilities at Wabash National Corporation are to ensure compliance with the Transportation Recall Enhancement, Accountability, and Documentation (TREAD) Act, please direct any questions with respect to this report directly to my attention at (765) 771-5563.

Sincerely,

Sarah-Louise Kerney
Compliance Manager, ISO and TREAD

Attachment: *Defect and Noncompliance Report* for Defect Notice 05E-020

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report³

On April 20, 200~~1~~⁵, Accuwide Corp. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) 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: April 26, 2005 → updated attachments 08Jun05

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 05E-020

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.

Wabash National
P.O. Box 6129 Lafayette, Indiana 47903-6129

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

Sarah-Louise Horney
Compliance Manager, ISO and TREAD
Telephone Number: 765-771-5563 Fax No.: 765-771-5552

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Sarah-Louise Horney
Compliance Manager, ISO and TREAD

Signed: Sarah-Louise Horney

³Each 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): Unibach Model Years Involved: 2006 Model(s): Van

Production Dates: Beginning: 2/2005 Ending: 4/2005

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: see specifics in attached spreadsheet

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: Dry Van

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

Trailers had Accuride aluminum wheels (Accuride part number 29644 ANP) installed.

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. _____

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Model	Model Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
Van	2006	183

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

183

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:

Analysis of engineering bills of material determined which products and customer orders (Qty of 1) were affected by this safety recall.

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.

Wheels may not have been properly pre-stressed and thus may crack. Refer to information provided by Accuride for details.

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

Refer to information provided by Accuride.

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

Refer to information provided by Accuride.

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

Refer to information provided by Accuride.

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

Accuride Corporation

P.O. Box 40

Henderson, Ky 42419-0040

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

William D. Noll, Director of Quality and Program Management,
Accuride Corporation

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.

Refer to information provided by Accuride.

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.

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.

Refer to information provided by Accuride.

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

Refer to information provided by Accuride.

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.

Refer to information provided by Accuride.
Wabash and Accuride have jointly inspected the trailers that may
have had these suspect wheels installed on them. To date, none have
been located. There were a few wheels that had been shipped and
installed that were missing identifying code information. These
have been changed out when found.

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.

Refer to information provided by Accuride.
Those not initially inspected at the time Wabash was notified,
will undergo inspection as the trailers come into the customer's
terminal for routine maintenance.

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.