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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

On December 11, 2007, Chief Industries, Inc. d/b/a King of the Road [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: January 31, 2008

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.

Chief Industries, Inc. d/b/a King of the Road

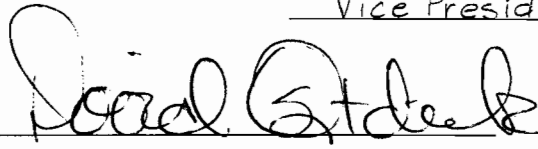
Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

David Ostdiek
Vice President/Corporate Controller

Telephone Number: 308-389-7246 Fax No.: 308-389-7352

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

David Ostdiek
Vice President/Corporate Controller

Signed: 

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): Genesis Model Years Involved: 2005-2007 Model(s): G40QG, G40QH, G40TF; G40QI

Production Dates: Beginning: 12/30/04 Ending: 2/22/07

VIN Range: Beginning: 4UZAACHCY95CU86424 Ending: 4UZACHCY57CX98299

Vehicle Type: Motor Home Bodystyle: N/A

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

None other than VIN of Freightliner Chassis

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: N/A 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.

100%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
G40GG	2005	1
G40GG	2006	4
G40GH	2006	3
G40TF	2006	3
G40GG	2007	3
G40GH	2007	3
G40GI	2007	2
G40TF	2007	1
Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:		20

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:

Recall population was determined based on what models were built on chassis identified by Freightliner Defect Information Report dated 7-23-07.

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.

See Freightliner LLC Defect Information Report dated
7-23-07 - attached

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

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7-23-07 - attached.

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

See Freightliner LLC Defect Information Report dated
7-23-07 - attached.

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

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7-23-07 - attached.

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

See Freightliner LLC Defect Information Report dated
7-23-07 - attached

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

See Freightliner LLC Defect Information Report dated 7-23-07 - attached

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.

See Freightliner LLC Defect Information Report dated 7-23-07. attached.

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.

See Freightliner LLC Defect Information Report dated 7-23-07. attached.

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.

See Freightliner LLC Defect Information Report dated 7-23-07. attached.

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

See Freightliner LLC Defect Information Report dated 7-23-07. attached.

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.

King of the Road discontinued producing Genesis Motor Homes prior to notification of defective chassis.

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 and purchasers of the affected Genesis Motor Homes will be notified by February 8, 2008. We do not foresee or anticipate any problems with implementing the recall.

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.*

- See attached -

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

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579, As Amended: This information is requested pursuant to the authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response maybe used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.



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Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

July 23, 2007

(c)(1) **Manufacturer:** Freightliner LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208
(503) 745-5219

Brands: Freightliner Custom Chassis

(c)(2) **Vehicles identification:**

Model(s) affected: XC Chassis, CX-R Chassis, VCL Chassis, XC-F Chassis, XC-L Chassis, XC-P Chassis, & XB-R Chassis

Model Years affected: 2003 through 2008

Manufacture Dates: June 13, 2002 through June 13, 2007

Basis for determining population: All ZF 8018 steering gears with date codes prior to 270407 45 5B. These Steering gears were delivered to Freightliner as components of Independent Front Suspension Assemblies with date codes prior to K149-005.

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Steering Gear
ZF Heavy Duty Steering Inc.

50 Harwill Road
St. Thomas, ON N5P 4M6
David Peno 847-478-6754

Independent Front Suspension Assemblies

ZF Commercial Suspension Systems
& Components, LLC.

946 Quality Drive
Lancaster, SC 29721
Greg Henderson 803-416-8957

(c)(3) **Total number of vehicles potentially affected:** Approximately 6,227

(c)(4) **Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect:** Unknown

(c)(5) **Description of the defect:** Certain ZF model 8018 steering gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer potentially allowing the recirculating balls to escape from the recirculating ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering. On affected units the operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash.

(c)(6) **Chronology of principal events:** On July 2, 2007 ZF Commercial Suspension Systems & Components, LLC. notified Freightliner that certain Independent Front Suspension assemblies provided to Freightliner contained potentially defective steering gears manufactured by ZF Heavy Duty Steering Inc.

(c)(7) **Noncompliance-test or other data:** Not Applicable

(c)(8) **Remedial program:** The steering gear date code on potentially affected vehicles will be reviewed to determine if the gear is part of the suspect population. Suspect steering gears will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Freightliner dealerships and Direct Warranty customers, i.e., customers approved by Freightliner to do their own warranty repairs. *Estimated dealer notification will be completed by September 18, 2007.*

Estimated Owner Notification Date: Customer notification will be by first class mail using Freightliner records to determine the customers affected. This will be completed approximately September 23, 2007.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

- (c) (9) **Communications sent to dealers and owners:** Copies will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.
- (c) (10) **Copy of proposed owner notification letter:** A draft will be sent for ODI review when available.
- (c) (11) **Manufacturer's campaign number:** FL-509

Copy of Notice to Purchaser



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February 1, 2008

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Roman Holiday Motor Homes
5270 N IH 35
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Genesis – Model year 2005
VIN 4UZA AH CY 95 CU 86424

Defect Notification

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. King of The Road has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exist in certain Geneses Motorhomes.

Please take notice that Freightliner LLC has issued a Notice of Defect with reference to its Freightliner Custom Chassis. King of the Road Recreational Vehicles, a division of Chief Industries, Inc., used the Freightliner Custom Chassis in its Genesis Motorhomes. Our records indicate that you purchased and currently own a Genesis Motorhome by King of the Road.

Description of the Defect: Certain ZF model 8018 steering gears may have been assembled with the incorrect recirculating ball spacer potentially allowing the recirculating balls to escape from the recirculating ball circuit resulting in a loss of steering (the "Defect"). On affected units the operator may notice higher required steering wheel inputs, or the need for more steering wheel adjustments while driving in a straight line in combination with metallic cracking noises prior to a loss of steering.

Evaluation of the Risk to Motor Vehicle Safety: Loss of steering could result in a vehicle crash.

Remedial Program: The steering gear date code on potentially affected vehicles will be reviewed to determine if the gear is part of the suspect population. Suspect steering gears will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by authorized Freightliner dealerships.

Freightliner customer contact number 1-800-547-0712

Cost of Remedial Program: The above described remedial program shall be completed free of charge to you, the owner of the affected unit. Cost associated with the remedial program shall be borne by Freightliner LLC.