

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles  
**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report**<sup>1</sup>

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**On January 13, 2008, Tracker Marine, LLC 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 Reports.**

**Date this report was prepared:** 03/12/08

**Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** TS-0020, TS-0019, and TS-0018 (Separate ones based on Boat Models trailers are built for to promote ease of use for dealers.)

**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.**

Tracker Marine, LLC  
2500 E. Kearney  
Springfield, MO 65898

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

Sharon Boyd  
Advocacy Response Supervisor

**Telephone Number:** 417-873-4528 **Fax No.:** 417-873-5036

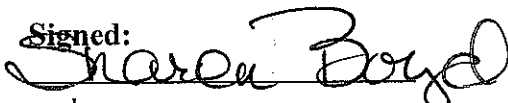
**Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.**

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**Signed:**  


<sup>1</sup>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.

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):** Trailstar **Model Years Involved:** 2007-2008 **Model(s):** see below

<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
K17V	K17
K18V	K18V
K21VHDSA	K1901
K21VTA	K21VHDSA
K23VTA	K21VTA
P27	K23VTA
P30	P27
P32	P30
	P32
	MK184SA
	MK204TA

**Production Dates: Beginning:** 02-06-07 **Ending:** 01-17-08

**VIN Range: Beginning:** 4TM13BU208B001005 **Ending:** 4TM3ATH298B001003

**Vehicle Type:** Trailer **Bodystyle:** Boat

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

Galvanized trailers for Kenner boat models, Mako 184 and 204, and P27, P30 and P32 Pontoon boats using jacks made by Shelby described as our part # 129111, Shelby part # 5874A8-24HGX. Since a change in production on 02-06-07, we purchased 1123 jacks during the affected period. 154 have been located and reworked prior to leaving our manufacturing facility. 976 remain to be reworked

**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.**

84%

## 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
K17V	2007	61
K18V	2007	17
K21VHDSA	2007	18
K21VTA	2007	68
K23VTA	2007	5
P27	2007	5
P30	2007	18
P32	2007	23
	<b>2007 TOTAL</b>	<b>215</b>
K17	2008	210
K18V	2008	63
K1901	2008	234
K21VHDSA	2008	36
K21VTA	2008	185
K23VTA	2008	24
P27	2008	78
P30	2008	48
P32	2008	61
MK184SA	2008	2
MK204TA	2008	5
	<b>2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>946</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1161</b>

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 1161

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 84%

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:

Recalled models identified by use of part number and those built subsequent to last known engineering change of component affected.

### **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.**

Hardware for the mounting of the jack used to elevate the tongue during storage may loosen and allow the jack assembly to disengage from the trailer.

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

The SS lock nut does not engage the plate mounting bolt until the threads of the bolt begin to exit the nut. At the final tightened location the SS bolt has not engaged the SS nut. Although initially tight, any stack up issue with the plate, bushing, washer, etc leaves the SS nut susceptible to loosening and disengaging the jack body from the mounting plate portion of the jack assembly.

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

Left uncorrected, the jack may fall off trailer while in motion.

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

Consumer may notice loosening of mounting while adjusting jack for trailer use or storage.

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

Shelby Industries  
175 McDaniels Road  
Shelbyville, KY 40066-0308

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

Eric Sakal  
Quality Engineer  
(502) 633-2040 ext 418

#### **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.**

1/10/08 - Loosing of nuts noted in plant inventory. Suspected need for service bulletin requesting dealers to check inventory.

1/17/08 - Upon noting that previously tightened nuts were not holding, supplier replaced hardware on plant inventory trailers.

1/25/08 - After testing of hardware and noting that a jack fell off during transport from one plant to another, it was determined that a recall notification should be issued.

**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.**

Manufacturer has redesigned the hardware for the mounting plate on the jack assembly.

Production has been remedied. The remedy used was the same as that which will be used for the field remedy. Replacement of mounting hardware.

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

The replacement hardware provided has a 1.5" stainless steel bolt and stainless steel nylon insert locknut rather than rather than a 1.25" bolt and stainless steel prevailing torque hex flange locknut as originally supplied.

**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.**

Identical to field remedy. Began 1/17/08.

#### **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.**

Two days after NHTSA approval -- Recall Notification to be published to TracNet – online Dealer Information Management Site.

Three – four days after NHTSA approval -- Recall Notification Dealer Packet including letter to dealer, copy of consumer notification, listing of potentially affected serial numbers known to have shipped to the dealer, and instructions for performing modification to be mailed to Dealership.

Four – five days after NHTSA approval -- Recall notification letter to warranty registered consumers to be mailed.

#### **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.**