

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

On Febraury 11, 2008, Kalyn/Siebert [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 Responsibility and Reports**.

Date this report was prepared: February 19, 2008

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): _____

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.

Kalyn/Siebert
1505 West Main
P.O. Box 1078

Gatesville, Texas USA 76528

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

Gilbert Guajardo-Warranty Manager

Telephone Number: (254) 865-7235 ext. 234 Fax No.: (254) 865-7234

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Gilbert Guajardo

Warranty Manager

Signed:



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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, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

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): Kalyn **Model Years Involved:** 2007 **Model(s):** LBO-5-60/70T

Production Dates: Unit 1: 3/26/07 Unit 2: 3/26/07

VIN Range: Unit 1: 5DDKE475371003168 Unit 2: 5DDKE475571003169

Vehicle Type: Lowboy **Bodystyle:** Oilfield

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

Exacted VIN number of lowboy equipped with simplex fifth wheel according to receipt date.

Make(s): Kalyn **Model Years Involved:** 2007 **Model(s):** LBO-4-60T

Production Dates: Unit 1: 3/27/07 Unit 2: 3/27/07

VIN Range: Unit 1: 5DDKE454771003197 Unit 2: 5DDKE454971003198

Vehicle Type: Lowboy **Bodystyle:** Oilfield

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

Exacted VIN number of lowboy equipped with simplex fifth wheel according to receipt date.

Make(s): Kalyn **Model Years Involved:** 2007 **Model(s):** LBO-4-60T

Production Dates: Unit 1: 3/29/07 Unit 2: 3/29/07

VIN Range: Unit 1: 5DDKE424871003245 Unit 2: 5DDKE404571003271

Vehicle Type: Lowboy **Bodystyle:** Oilfield

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

Exacted VIN number of lowboy equipped with simplex fifth wheel according to receipt date.

Make(s): Siebert **Model Years Involved:** 2008 **Model(s):** 40T3AJ

Production Dates: Unit 1: 8/30/07 Unit 2: 1/22/08

VIN Range: Unit 1: 5DDSJ353X81003502 Unit 2: 5DDSJ353781003862

Vehicle Type: 40Ton 3 axle jeep **Bodystyle:** Component of 13 axle Siebert Trailer

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 Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
LBO-5-60/70T	2007	2
LBO-4-60T	2007	4
40T3AJ	2008	2

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 8

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 50%

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 selection of vehicles was based on product delivery dates supplied by SAF-Holland,
and Kalyn/Siebert receipt numbers and dates.

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.

Holland Simplex Fifth wheels may contain a safety defect with the pivot bolt assembly.

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

The lever arm pivot bolt may have been over tightened by Holland.

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

An over tightened pivot bolt can distort the pivot bolt spacer sleeve, which may prevent the fifth wheel latch jaw from closing and latching securely around the kingpin.

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

If the fifth wheel fails to latch it could result in a detached trailer. If a trailer detaches while in motion, a crash can occur. Another possibility could be that a driver could drive away and the trailer could become disengaged increasing the risk of a crash.

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

SAF-Holland

467 Ottawa Avenue

P.O. Box 2099

Holland, MI 49423

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

Becky Faoro Ph. 888-396-6501 Fax. 800-356-3929 Warranty Department

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.

Feb. 5, 2008 NHTSA notifies Kalyn/Siebert warranty department of a consumer complaint on SAF-Holland Simplex Fifth Wheels

Feb. 18, 2008 Kalyn/Siebert contacts Holland and receives Simplex Fifth Wheel Field Campaign Notification and decides that the condition described in the notification constitutes a defect and that it is safety related.

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.

Sent dealers a copy of Hollands Simplex Fifth Wheel Field Campaign Notification.

Dealers to send customers notification and customers and/or dealers to contact Holland to request warranty and repair kits free of charge.

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.

See Holland Simplex Fifth Wheel Field Campaign Notification.

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

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.

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.

Feb. 21, 2008 Kalyn/Siebert sent to dealers the Holland Simplex Fifth Wheel Field
Campaign Notification.

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) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.



SIMPLEX FIFTH WHEEL FIELD CAMPAIGN NOTIFICATION

This notification is to make you aware of a field campaign that SAF-HOLLAND is undertaking to replace a spacer in the lever bar connection that could affect the timing of the fifth wheel's lock mechanism. This is **NOT** a safety related issue as this condition is evident to the driver when visually inspecting the release handle and position of the red indicator in accordance with the proper coupling procedure.

The Simplex fifth wheels that should be inspected were manufactured between January 3, 2006 and July 2, 2007. Visually inspect the cover plate/lever bar connection on the underside of the fifth wheel. The fifth wheel is **affected** if a hex-head fastener is used to secure the connection as shown in Figure 1. The fifth wheel is **unaffected** if a pin is used to secure the connection as shown in Figure 2.

FIGURE 1 – AFFECTED UNIT

HEX-HEAD BOLT CONNECTION

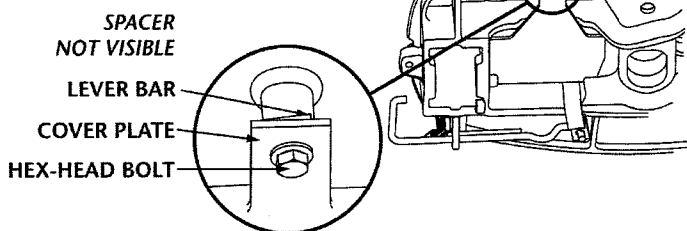
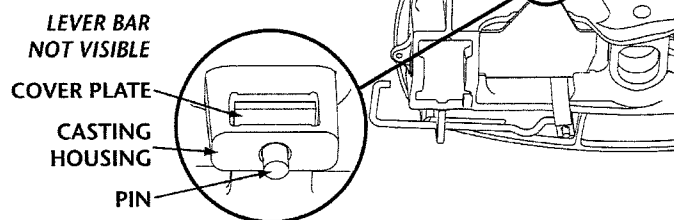


FIGURE 2 – UNAFFECTED UNIT

PIN CONNECTION



If you have a fifth wheel that matches the image in Figure 1, we strongly encourage you to contact us for a repair kit(s), free of charge, at (888) 396-6501 ext 4343. Be prepared to provide: serial number of the wheel, VIN # of the vehicle, date and service. If you have any questions concerning this notification, please ask for technical assistance when you contact us.



Kalyn/Siebert Trailer Manufacturer

Attn: Kalyn/Siebert Dealers, Distributors and Customers

Subject: Holland Simplex fifth wheels

Dear Sir or Madam,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act "Kalyn/Siebert has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Kalyn/Siebert trailers." Only Kalyn /Siebert trailers equipped with the Holland Simplex Fifth wheels are affected by this defect. Kalyn/Siebert has reported to NHTSA that the SAF Holland Simplex Fifth Wheels contain a safety related defect. The latch lever pivot bolt assembly in the fifth wheel assembly may have been over tightened by Holland. An over tightened bolt can distort the pivot bolt spacer sleeve, which may prevent the fifth wheel latch jaw from closing and latching securely around the kingpin. This could result in a detached trailer. If a trailer detaches while the vehicle is in motion, a crash can occur.

The driver should visually inspect the release handle and the position of the red indicator in accordance with the proper coupling procedure. Kalyn/Siebert contacted Holland's warranty department and was told that they were not doing a recall on the simplex fifth wheels that Holland was simply sending out to all customers a Simplex Fifth Wheel Field Campaign Notification which at that time Kalyn/Siebert received the notice.

Kalyn/Siebert notified the dealers with trailers that may be affected with this potential problem and were sent the Holland Simplex fifth wheel field campaign notification. Customers can call Kalyn/Siebert and we can supply the repair procedure given by Holland, anyone can contact Gilbert Guajardo (800) 525-9689 ext 234 fax (254) 865-7234 or e-mail gguajardo@kalynsx.com. If repairs already have been made Holland does have a reimbursement plan set up for this issue.

The repair consists of replacing a hex-head bolt and washer on the fifth wheels affected. Fifth wheels not affected are one with cast pins instead of the hex-head bolt. I am also providing NHTSA information below, "you may submit a complaint to the administrator, if Kalyn/Siebert has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge.

(NHTSA) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.

Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153);

Or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>