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On September 18 of 2007, Hawkeye Truck Equipment was notified by Watson and Chalin of a safety notice or recall on some of there axles that they manufacture, and is furnishing this report to the NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR part 573 Defect and noncompliance responsibility and Reports.

1. Manufacturer' name/address:

The manufacturer of the vehicle covered by this Report is;

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2. Vehicles involved:

The Vehicles covered by this report are completed and non-completed - construction equipment i.e. dump trucks and tractors manufactured by Hawkeye Truck Equipment between 06/05 through 01/07, and fitted with an auxiliary lift axle models sl-1190 and sl-890 manufactured and provided by Watson and Chalin inc, that they have deemed as a potential safety hazard.

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this report is 89.

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4. Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

Based on information from Watson and Chalin, the total is approximately 70 percent.

5. Description of defect:

Refer to Watson and Chalin recall notice 07e-057 and investigation # eq07-005, defective cast Aluminum lower trailing arms on sl-1190 and sl-890 aux. lift suspensions.

6. Chronology of determining defect:

Hawkeye Truck Equipment was notified by Watson and Chalin on how to properly identify the defect in question on it's suspensions by written and visual aids and given a list of suspension s/n's to help narrow down the defective parts on the suspensions.

7. Identify the remedy:

Any and all axles that fit within the serial numbers provided by Watson and Chalin below and were installed by Hawkeye Truck Equipment from 06/05 through 01/07 on any completed or incomplete vehicle chassis are being subject to this notice.

SL-890 axles s/n 05-12-1-376 through 382

05-12-1-392 through 407

06-1-1-459 through 465

06-1-1-474 through 484

06-1-1-448 through 457

06-1-1-466 through 473

SL-1190 axles s/n

05-6-1-1716 through 1727

05-6-1-1836

05-12-1-33 through 35

05-12-1-383 through 391

06-1-1-447

- note more than 1 of the above suspensions can be on the same vehicle*
- more info can be provided by customer and vehicle unit number by request.

8. Program for remedying the defect:

The remedy is to replace the lower arms with new arms provided by Watson and Chalin per their instructions and to return the defective arms to them to be disposed of at no charge to the owner of the above said suspension , Hawkeye Truck equipment will provide the kits to the customer or replace the lower arms for the customer at no charge to the customer.

9. Identify the recall schedule:

Report recall to NHTSA and get official notices out to purchasers of the suspensions in question and continue with the repair of the suspensions that have already been identified or repaired over the last 6 months.

10. Furnish recall communications

Notice being furnished and more info available per request.