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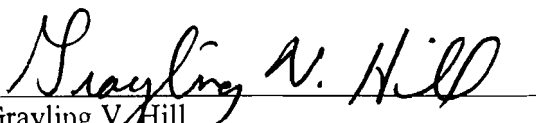
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On, August 21, 2007, HilBilt Mfg. Co. received a letter from Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc. that was dated, August 17, 2007, informing us that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists and is furnishing notification to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFK Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

After taking action to inform all of HilBilt Mfg. Co. customers that purchased the recalled item and arranging for the appropriate replacement parts to be delivered/installed on all recalled products, HilBilt Mfg. Co. became aware on July 25, 2008 that it was subject to filing a 573 Report as it pertained to the aforementioned recall.

Date this report was prepared: July 29, 2008

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I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. A. 2005 Mack, VIN# 1M2AG11C86M;
B. 2005 Kenworth, VIN# 1NKDLU0XO6R;
C. 2006 Mack, VIN# 1M2AG11C87M
D. 2005 Mack, VIN# 1M2ALO2C16M;
E. 2005 Peterbilt, VIN# 2NPLLD9X66M

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. We are recalling six (6) Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc. axles Model SL-1190 (identified by serial number below) that were installed on the five (5) trucks identified in section I.

SN# 05-10-1-337
SN# 05-10-1-338
SN# 05-10-1-342
SN# 05-10-1-343
SN# 05-10-1-344
SN# 05-10-1-345

4. These six (6) units clarify 100% of the units that are affected by this recall.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. The defect is in the lower aluminum trailing arm that is described in the Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc. recall notice dated July 15, 2007, (07E-057). The defect is in a component purchased from Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc., 725 E. University Dr., McKinney, TX, 75069. Phone: 972-547-6020. Contact: Thomas N. Chalin

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

6. We received a letter of defect from Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc., dated August 17, 2007. After receiving the letter we contacted Tom Chalin for additional explanation of how we needed to proceed. Subsequently we determined what suspensions were within the recall parameters and contacted the purchasers of those products to notify them of the possible defect and proposed remedy.
7. See Watson & Chalin 573 Report (07E-057).

V. Identify the Remedy

8. We provided pertinent product and customer information to Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc. Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc. shipped three repair kits (SN# 337, 338, & 344) directly to customers for field installation at an approved Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc. installation facility and three repair kits (SN# 342, 344, & 345) to HilBilt Mfg. Co. for installation at our facility. HilBilt Mfg. Co. installed repair kits on SN# 342 & 344. HilBilt Mfg. Co. subsequently delivered the repair kit for SN# 345 to the customer for field installation at an approved Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc. installation facility.
9. See 8 above and Watson & Chalin 573 Report (07E-057).

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. See Watson & Chalin 573 Report (07E-057).

Notes Concerning Non-covered Vehicles Involved in Recall, Recall Population, and Recall Remedy

- A. The following used vehicles had axles installed on them
 - a. 1998 Peterbilt, VIN# 1XP5DR9X8XD
 - b. 1994 Peterbilt, VIN# 1XP5DE8X2RN
 - c. 1998 Peterbilt, VIN# 1XP5DB9X7WN
 - d. 1992 Mack, VIN# 2M2P267Y4NC
- B. The following six (6) Watson & Chalin Mfg. Inc. axles Model SL-1190 (identified by serial number below) were either mounted on used trucks or sold to and installed by a third party.
 - a. SN# 05-10-1-335 – installed on used truck
 - b. SN# 05-10-1-336 – installed on used truck
 - c. SN# 05-10-1-339 – installed on used truck
 - d. SN# 05-10-1-341 – installed on used truck
 - e. SN# 05-10-1-340 – sold to and installed by third party
 - f. SN# 05-10-1-346 – sold to and installed by third party
- C. The following actions were taken concerning the above axles that were either mounted on used trucks or sold to and installed by a third party.
 - a. SN# 05-10-1-335, repaired in the field by approved installer, Superior Sales
 - b. SN# 05-10-1-336, truck was repossessed by bank, sold at auction, unable to locate
 - c. SN# 05-10-1-339, company is out of business, truck was sold, unable to locate
 - d. SN# 05-10-1-341, truck was repossessed by bank, sold at auction, unable to locate
 - e. SN# 05-10-1-340, axle was installed by Shipley Motors in Lowell, Arkansas and repaired by HilBilt Mfg. Co.
 - f. SN# 05-10-1-346, axle was installed by Shipley Motors in Lowell, Arkansas and repaired by HilBilt Mfg. Co.