

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

On July 7, 2008, Domets [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: October 9, 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.

Universal Trailers Inc.
1050 E. Cooley Avenue. San Bernardino CA 92408

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

Universal Trailers, Inc.
Courtney Tran (Ofc. Manager)
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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.
Courtney Tran
Office Manager

Signed: Courtney Tran

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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.

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): Universal Model Years Involved: 2006 Model(s): Elite II 102 X24 DuI
Production Dates: Beginning: 04/05/06 Ending: 07/22/06
VIN Range: Beginning: 1U9EV292X Ending: 6S078156
Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: Van

* Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: 10/14/08 Customer confirm this is the model of
This one has the refrigerator recalled by Dometic Recalled Refrigerator.

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:

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 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.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
Elite II 102X24	2006	1

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 1

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

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:

1st we contacted Donets and requested a purchased history of refrigerators with the model being recalled.
2nd - upon that list, we went back to the invoice, looked at the date and pull all invoices around that invoice date with a refrigerator
3rd - we contact the customer and made sure that model is the one being recalled is in that trailer.

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.

After some period of use, a fatigue crack may develop in the boiler tube of the refrigerator. It may release a sufficient amount of pressurized coolant solution into an area where an ignition may be present.

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

Potential ignition sources in the areas include the refrigerator's propane burner and/or electric heating element.

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

The consequence is that the coolant could ignite and result in a fire.

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

A Crack in the boiler.

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

Dometic Corporation
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Elkhart, IN 46515

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

Purchasing 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.

Notice was sent by Dometic Corp. informing of recall in June 2008 and also by National Highway Traffic Safety July 2008 and again Oct 2008. October 7, 2008 Contacted Dometic for purchase history report; from their pulled invoice of customer with refrigerator (recalled) to confirm. 10/9/08 Customer is out of town and will not be available until 10/13/08 to confirm

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.

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.