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

On July 2, 2009, 2008, Import Products Co., Inc. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety) (~~a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. \_\_\_\_\_~~) exists in items of motor vehicle equipment 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: July 6, 2009

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): N/A

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Import Products Co., Inc.  
55 Scotland Boulevard  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

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

Michael C. Bowden, President

Telephone Number: 508-279-8207 Fax No.: 508-697-1051

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.  
Michael C. Bowden, President

Signed: Michael C. Bowden, President

<sup>1</sup>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 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 E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

**I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment**

2. Identify the Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall, for each make and model or applicable item of equipment product line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the item of equipment), provide:

Generic name of the item: Fuel filter

Make: Chrysler Model: Cirrus, Sebring, Stratus, Breeze

Part Number: 33523 Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Function: filtration of fuel

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

OE Part# 4764210

Wix Part#88-97291 Sold 7/12/07-6/30/09

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Part Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Function: \_\_\_\_\_

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

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Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Part Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Function: \_\_\_\_\_

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

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

II. Identifying the Recall Population

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

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Items Potentially Involved</u>
Chrysler Cirrus 2.0L	2000	
Chrysler Cirrus 2.4L	1999-2000	
Chrysler Cirrus 2.5L	1998-2000	
Chrysler Sebring 2.4L	1999	
Chrysler Sebring 2.5L	1999-2000	
Dodge Stratus 2.0L/2.4L/2.5L	1998-2000	
Plymouth Breeze 2.0/2.4L	1998-2000	

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

~~30,351~~

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 75%

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 items of equipment: Recall population was determined to be all of the production of this fuel filter.

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.

Potential fuel leak at connectors.

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

Improperly adhered line connectors.

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

Possible fuel leak.

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

Connectors come loose during installation; smell of gasoline on observation of leak.

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

Jovtime Industrial Co. Ltd.

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

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**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.**

N/A

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**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.**

Not yet determined.

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

Mfg. date code after July 1, 2009

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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.

Same as recall remedy

**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.

Notification to customer on 7/7/09.

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

**Note: These documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.**

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On Wednesday July 1, 2009, Affina Group, the sole customer of the product discussed herein, contacted me to let me know that it had discovered a potential leak with the fuel filters that they purchase from us. Based on that conversation, I asked the customer to quarantine all of these products, which they have, and began our own internal investigation to verify their test results. As of the date of this notice, there have been no accidents, injuries, fatalities or warranty claims.