

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

On April 28th, 2009, NHTSA notified Fred Meyer that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety) (a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110) 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: 5-18-09

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.

Fred Meyer Stores, Inc.

Agent: Victory Land Enterprise Co., LTD, 7th Floor, No. 208 Ruei Guang Road
Nei Hu District, Taipei, Taiwan

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

Drew DuBois

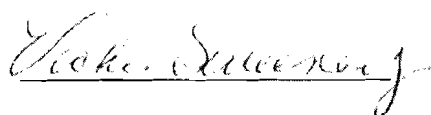
Compliance Manager, General Merchandise

Telephone Number: 503 797-3659 Fax No.: 503 797-5990

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Vicki Sweeney
Executive Assistant -- Law Department

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): Long Chih Model Years Involved: 2005-2008 Model(s): LCI-851T (Fred Meyer HT-92796)

Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005 Ending: December 31, 2008

VIN Range: Beginning: 319555 Ending: 355688

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: Folding Utility

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

The tire placard and the GVWR/GAWR rating labels were not affixed to the trailers during production.

Make(s): Long Chih Model Years Involved: 2005-2008 Model(s): LCI-890T (Fred Meyer - 87-6176)

Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2005 Ending: December 31, 2008

VIN Range: Beginning: 0002165 Ending: 000456

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: Utility Snowmobile

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

The tire placard and the GVWR/GAWR rating labels were not affixed to the trailers during production.

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.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
<u>LCI-851T (Fred Meyer HT-92796)</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>1020</u>
<u>LCI-851T (Fred Meyer HT-92796)</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>3060</u>
<u>LCI-851T (Fred Meyer HT-92796)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>1700</u>
<u>LCI-851T (Fred Meyer HT-92796)</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2550</u>
<u>LCI-890T (Fred Meyer 87-6176)</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>81</u>
<u>LCI-890T (Fred Meyer 87-6176)</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>LCI-890T (Fred Meyer 87-6176)</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>80</u>

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 8,571

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

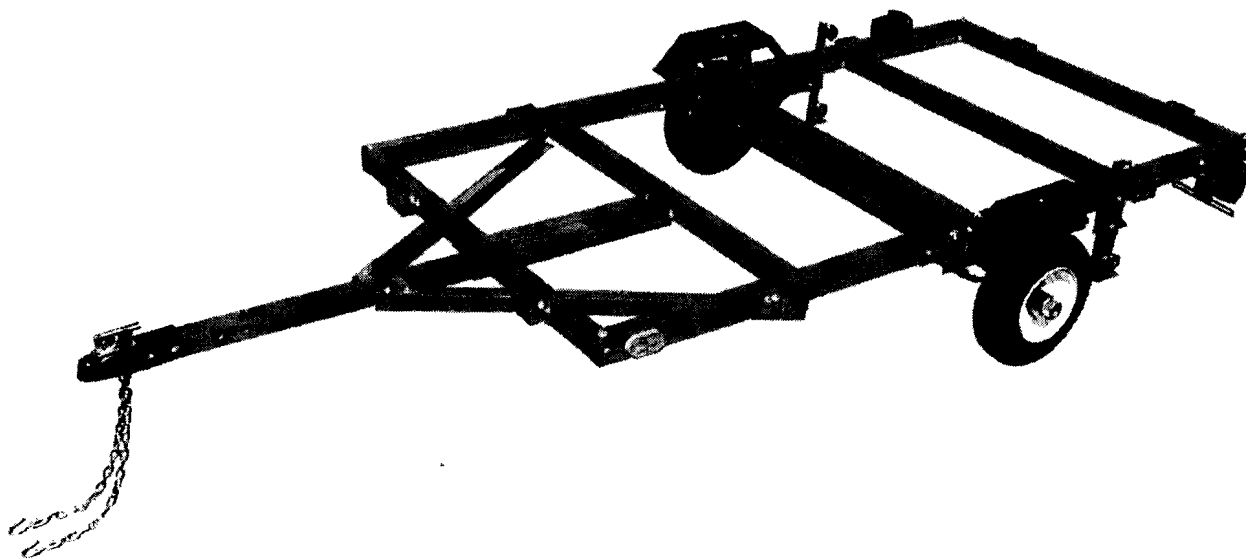
Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

Reviewed the Long Chih report which states that all trailers supplied to the USA markets between the dates of September 1, 2005 to December 31, 2008 did not include the tire placard label or the GVWR/ GAWR rating labels.

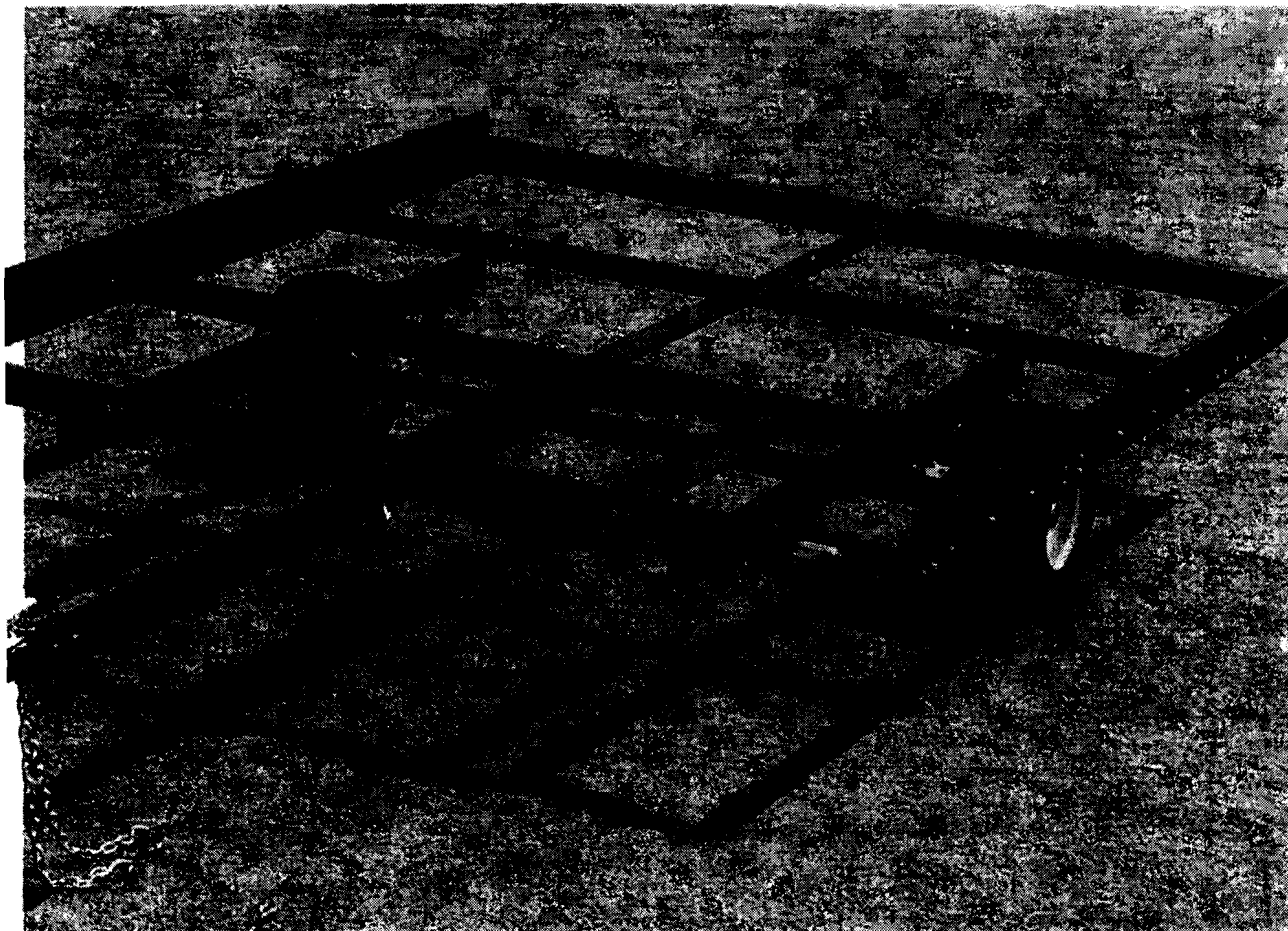
I.

2.

Long Chih = Fred Meyer
LCI-851T = HT9296



Long Chih = Fred Meyer
LCI-890T = 87-9176



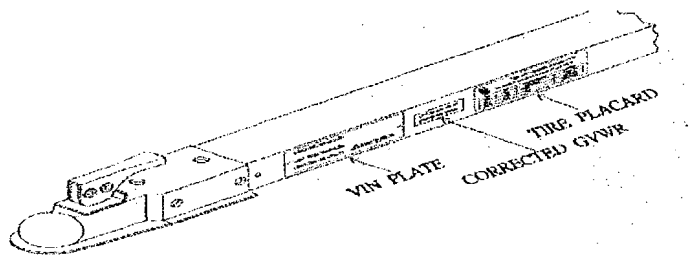
III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

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.
The trailers were missing the tire placard label with the tire GVWR/GAWR ratings.

The Reporting Safety Defects Notice was not include in the owners manual.

The tire placard should be permanently affixed to the driver's side of the trailer tow bar near the VIN plate.

See Illustration below for the locations of the tire placard label and corrected GVWR.



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

Long Chih did not attach the tire placard label the trailers nor the GVWR/ GAWR rating labels during production and did not include the Reporting Safety Defects Notice in the owners manual.

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

It could cause the trailer(s) to be loaded beyond their capacity limits and the owners may not be aware of how to report safety defects.

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

The tires could possibly blow-out due to overloading.

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

Long Chih industrial Co., LTD.

No. 101 Show Shan Rd. Shinchuang City, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan, T.O.C.

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

Frank Juan, President/Managing Director

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.

Long Chih received information that on November 25, 2008 that a Long Chih trailer that was purchased by a consumer from Northern Tools and Equipment did not comply with requirement FMVSS No. 110, tire selection and rims for motor vehicle with a GVWR of 4,536 kilogram (10,000 pounds) or less and Regulation Parts 575 consumer information regulation.

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.

Long Chih will remedy the non-compliance without charge to the owner.

Long Chih's Recall Notice states "If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information please contact Armor Rex, Inc." Armor Rex, Inc. is Long Chih's U.S. Agent.

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.

Long Chih is now attaching the tire placard and GVWR/GAWR ratings label during production.

Long Chih is providing the tire placards and GVWR/GAWR rating labels for owners.

Long Chih will send a tire placard label to owners that indicated their name and address on their warranty registration with instructions on the placement of the labels.

Long Chih will inform owners that the GVWR and GAWR on the VIN plat unit states pounds.

Long Chih will inform owners that trailer model # LCI-851T (Fred Meyer HT-92796) is 1,170 lbs.

Long Chih will provide the "Reporting Safety Defects" statement as part of its owner's manuals.

Long Chih will have the tire placard labels and statement sheets for the trailer owners available through the importer

Fred Meyer has posted the Long Chih Safety Recall Notice and Reporting Safety Defects Notice (together "Notices") by the trailer displays.

Fred Meyer has received from Long Chih packets containing the Notices along with placards and corrected GVWR labels with instructions for their placement which are available for customers upon request.

Fred Meyer store personnel have inspected the trailer inventories on hand to be sure all trailers include the Notices and that a placard and the GVWR label has been properly installed.

Attached are copies of the Notices and placards and GVWR labels.

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

The tire placard is a viscose label showing the tire size, tire pressure and cargo loading weight capacity. The "Reporting Safety Defects" is a statement to the owner that directs them to immediately notify the NHTSA if they believe that any vehicle has a defect which could cause an accident or cause injury or death.

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.

Beginning January 1, 2009 Long Chih remedied the condition in production by including the tire placard label and GVWR/GAWA ratings on its trailers.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

9. **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.**

Long Chih has stated that following final confirmation from its importer it will provide the tire placard label and statement sheet to its designated agency within one month.

Long Chih has stated it will forward its owner's warranty registration information to its designated agency which will send the tire placard label and statement to the owner.

Long Chih estimates that it can have these notifications 30% completed by the first month, an additional 30% the second month and the final 40% by the third month.

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.

Attached is the documentation related to the defect.

LONG CHIH INDUSTRIAL COMPANY LIMITED
101, Show Shan Road, Shinchuang City, Taipei Hsien, Taiwan, ROC
Tel: 886-2-29068666 Fax: 886-2-2906-8669 E-mail: longchih@ms31.hinet.net

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

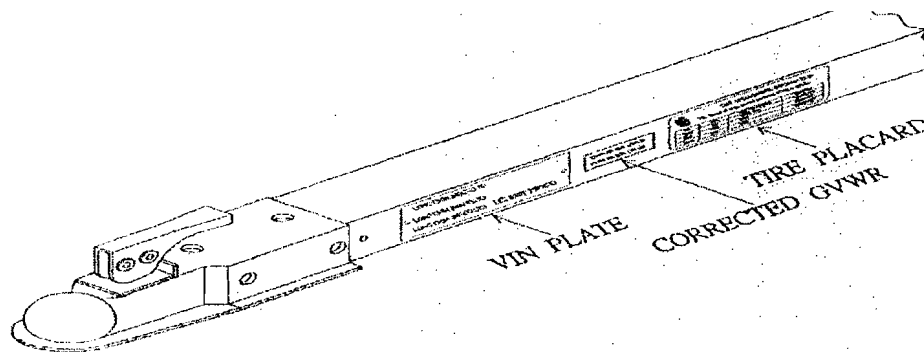
Dear trailer owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Long Chih – trailer manufacturer has decided that all our trailers manufactured from September 1, 2005 to December 31, 2008 fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110. "Tire Selection and Rims." These trailers are missing the tire placard label which states the tire size, tire pressure, and maximum load information. The gross vehicle weight rate (GVWR) on the VIN plate on some of the trailers is incorrect and the GVWR and gross axle weight rate (GAWR) units should be specified in pounds on the VIN plate. Also, the owner's manual is missing the information to report suspected safety defects as required by Federal Regulation Title 49 CFR Part 575 "Consumer Information." A misprinted label could lead to improper vehicle loading specification or tire inflation which could result in a tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash.

What you should do.

Enclosed with this letter is the correct tire placard label and GVWR label. Please affix these labels to the driver's side of the trailer tow bar near the VIN plate as shown below in this picture. Also enclosed is the "Reporting Safety Defects" statement as a part of owner's manual. Please read this statement and save it with



the owner's manual and any other documentation you may have for the trailer.

If you are a lessor receiving this recall notice you must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

The U.S. agent for Long Chih Ind. Co., Ltd. is as follows:

Armor Rex Inc.

1361 Mountain View Circle
Azusa, CA 91702
Attn: Mr. Daniel Huang
Tel: (626) 969-0889 ext. 215. Fax No.: (626)969-0810 E-mail: Daniel@armorrex.com

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information, please contact Armor Rex, Inc. Also, if you have any questions about this recall or what you need to do, please contact Armor Rex.

If we fail or are unable to remedy these issues without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline as 1-888-327-4263 (TTY:1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Sincerely Yours.



Managing Director

Remark:

How to install the stickers?

1. Clean the surface of the tow bar driver's side as on above diagram.
2. Please affix the provided corrected GVWR label first then tire placard on clean surface of tow bar.

Reporting safety defects: If you believe that your vehicle has a defect which could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Long Chih Industrial Company Limited.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or Long Chih Industrial Company Limited.

To contact NHTSA, you may call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); go to <http://www.safercar.gov> ; or write to: Administrator, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. You can also obtain other information about motor vehicle safety from <http://www.safercar.gov>.
Long Chih USA Customer Service Center: Toll Free: 800-576-7888



TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION

The weight of cargo should not exceed 441 kg or 971 lbs

TIRE	SIZE	COLD TIRE PRESSURE	SEE OWNER'S
FRONT	4.80-8	410KPA, 60PSI	MANUAL FOR
REAR	NONE	NONE	ADDITIONAL
SPARE	NONE	NONE	INFORMATION

GVWR & GAWR for HT-92796 Trailer Kit(sticker)

GVWR-530 KGS, 1170 LBS



TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION

The weight of cargo should not exceed 536 kg or 1180 lbs

TIRE	SIZE	COLD TIRE PRESSURE	SEE OWNER'S
FRONT	18.5x8.5-8	240KPA, 35PSI	MANUAL FOR
REAR	NONE	NONE	ADDITIONAL
SPARE	NONE	NONE	INFORMATION

GVWR & GAWR for 87-6176 Snowmobile trailer(sticker)

GVWR-690 KGS, 1520 LBS

GAWR-690 KGS, 1520 LBS