

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

On November 18, 2009, Wildfire Motors was made aware by NHTSA that a noncompliance which relates to motor vehicle safety 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: December 3, 2009

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): None

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.

Wildfire Motors does not know the name or address of who the foreign manufacturer assigned as their designated agent. It appears as though the manufacturer may no longer be in business as we have been unable to make contact with them. The WF-120V LSVs were purchased from the manufacturer and imported more than a year ago.

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

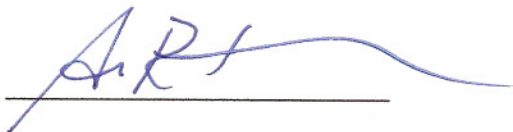
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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Alan Tipton
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Signed:



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): Wildfire **Model Years Involved:** 2009 **Model(s):** WF-120V

Production Dates: Beginning: Unknown date in 2008 **Ending:** Unknown date in 2008

VIN Range: Beginning: LSRPEC PJ29CWF0001 **Ending:** LSRPEC PJ59CWF0042

Vehicle Type: Low-Speed Vehicle **Bodystyle:** 2 Passenger Coupe

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

All of the 42 units that Wildfire Motors imported will be included Wildfire's 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:

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.

ANSWER: Wildfire Motors would have not have any knowledge or information with regards to the manufacturer's production data.

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>
WF-120V	2009	42

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 42

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

Although each and every Wildfire WF-120V from each shipment that Wildfire imported was not visually inspected when received over a year ago, Wildfire Motors remembers seeing vehicles that it received that did have the proper windshields. The 42 WF-120V LSVs were manufactured and imported in shipments of 7 units per ocean container and those shipments were received over the course of a 4 month period in 2008. Only 29 of the above 42 WF-120V LSVs have been sold and the remaining 13 WF-120V LSVs are in Wildfire Motors' possession.

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.

Wildfire Motors was made aware of the noncompliance through an email received from NHTSA
on November 18, 2009 advising that a WF-120V tested by OVSC in August 2009 had AS-2
glazing installed rather than the proper AS-1 or AS-4 as required by FMVSS No. 500.

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

The manufacturer apparently shipped us vehicles with the incorrect glazing installed.

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

Passenger safety is at risk should an object strike and shatter the windshield of the vehicles
with the noncomplying windshields.

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

None.

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

Wildfire Motors would not know the corporate name or address of the supplier the manufacturer
purchased the incorrect windshields from.

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

See answer above.

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.

Wildfire Motors was made aware of the noncompliance through an email received from NHTSA on November 18, 2009 advising that a WF-120V tested by OVSC in August 2009 had AS-2 glazing installed rather than AS-1 or AS-4 as required by FMVSS No. 500. Since receiving said email above, Wildfire Motors has visually inspected the remaining 13 WF-120V at its warehouse that have not been sold yet and have found all of them to also have the incorrect windshields installed in them.

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.

Wildfire Motors will replace, at Wildfire Motors expense, any windshields that are found to be anything other than AS-1 or AS-4 with AS-1 or AS-4 windshields in any of the 42 Wildfire WF-120V LSVs it imported. Proper replacement windshields have been placed on order and we are awaiting their arrival.

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.

See answer to #8 above.

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

See answer to #8 above.

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.

Product was imported from China manufacturer more than a year ago and has since been discontinued.

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.

Wildfire Motors will send out notifications to all purchasers of the Wildfire WF-120V LSVs as soon as the replacement windshields arrive from China and are available for the replacement which is expected to be in approximately 3 to 4 weeks.

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.