

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

On _____, 2010, _____ [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: 4-7-2010

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): NVS-215aa

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.

H.A. DeHart & Son
311 Crown Point Rd
Thorofare NJ 08086

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

Lisa A Carriveau- Warranty Administrator

Telephone Number: (856) 845-2800x45 Fax No.: (856) 845-2461

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Lisa Carriveau- Warranty Administrator

Signed:

Lisa A Carriveau

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): Thomas **Model Years Involved:** 2010 **Model(s):** 161TS

Production Dates: Beginning: 2-24-2010 **Ending:** 2-24-2010

VIN Range: Beginning: 4UZABPD40ACAP7275 **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: school bus **Bodystyle:** Bus

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

Make(s): Thomas **Model Years Involved:** 2011 **Model(s):** 161TS

Production Dates: Beginning: 2-24-10 **Ending:** 2-24-10

VIN Range: Beginning: 4UZABPDU4BCAS3575- **Ending:** CAS3577

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
Thomas 161TS	2010	1
Thomas 161TS	2011	3

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 4

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:

We were contacted by IMMI the seat manufacture for this recall. They sent
one of thier mechanics here to make the repairs for the customers

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.

Seat cushion locking mechanisms are capable of being misaligned during
vehicle assembly or after in use

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

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

may not meet requirements of FMVSS No 222 as it would not allow the
cushion to remain attached to the seat during certain threshold upward force

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

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

Indiana Mills & Manufacturing, Inc

18881 US 31 North P.O. Box 408

Westfield, Indiana 46074

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

James Johnson

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.

Not Known to H A DeHart & Son

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.

IMMI sent a technician to customers location and installed a guide bracket
on all the seats for each unit to eliminate the possibility of misalignment

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.

Seat manufacturer, IMMI installed a guide bracket on the seats which positively
locates the locking mechanism relative to the design latch position
The bracket eliminates the possibility of misalignment

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.