

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

On May 19th, 2008, Load Rite Trailers [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120) 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: 5/19/2010

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 5A4

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.

Load Rite Trailers, Inc 265 Lincoln Highway Fairless Hills PA 19030

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

Thomas Morrison, Vice President of Operations

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Thomas Morrison

V.P. OF Operations

Signed:

Thomas Morrison

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): Load Rite Model Years Involved: 2008,2009,2010 Model(s): LR-AWV2335

Production Dates: Beginning: 1/4/2008 Ending: 04/29/2010

VIN Range: Beginning: 0003 Ending: 0182

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: Trailer for Personal Watercraft

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

This model used a particular wheel assembly #1087.10

Make(s): Load Rite Model Years Involved: 2010 Model(s): WV2450W

Production Dates: Beginning: 03/23/2010 Ending: 04/30/2010

VIN Range: Beginning: 0000 Ending: 0049

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: Trailer for Personal Watercraft

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

This model used a particular wheel assembly #1087.10

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
Load Rite LR-AWV2335	2008	44
Load Rite LR-AWV2335	2009	39
Load Rite LR-AWV2335	2010	16
Load Rite WV2450W	2010	48

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 147

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:

Using our business software system, we are able to determine how many of these particular trailers were built and to which dealers they were sold to.

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 capacity of the rim did not match the capacity of the tire. This caused the wheel assembly to not be sufficient for the application.

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

The wheel was supplied to us with this misconfiguration. The vendor discovered their error and are implementing methods to

keep it from happening again.

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

There is a potential for the rim to fail.

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

Unknown. No failures have been reported.

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

Americana Tire & Wheel, P.O. Boc 643704, Cincinnati, OH 45264

phone 614-866-9803

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

Jeffrey Pizzola, CFO 614-866-9803 ext 224

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.

5/19 Americana informed Load Rite that they just figured out that the rim used on their wheel assembly was not the correct rim. The rims rating was determined by the rim manufacturer and is stamped with the maximum capacity.

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.

Our remedy is to contact all dealers and end users and to make arrangements for the tires and wheels to be replaced on all of the affected trailers. We will reimburse any labor charges to remove and install the wheel assemblies.

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.**

We will do incoming receipt inspection of all wheel assemblies to determine that the rim meets or exceeds the capacity of the tire mounted to it. We have asked the vendor for a QC inspection report to accompany all future deliveries.

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

The rim of the remedied component will be stamped 1520 lbs or greater. The recalled component is stamped 1250 lbs

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.

On 5/19 all of the questionable wheel assemblies were quarantined and are staged for return to the vendor. We have used Wheels with aluminum rims that are at the correct capacity for all shipments since 5/19. We are expecting the correct galvanized rims to accompany any future orders from the vendor

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.

Calls will begin on 5/24 to the original buyer of the vehicles. Most of these vehicles have been sold to end users. We must gain support from these dealers to provide the names and addresses of the end users.

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.



Chronology Summary

- 5/19/2010 - Received notification via letter from Americana Tire/Kenda on 5/19 that their part number 31211 Wheel assembly ST145/R12 E was mounted on the wrong rims. The summarized how many they had sold to Load Rite.
- 5/19/2010 Met with Jeffrey Pizzola from American Kenda Rubber Ind, the parent company of Americana.
- 5/20/2010 – submitted the recall form.

Regards,

Thomas Morrison