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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles **PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report**³

On **January 14 2010**, **Labrie Environmental Group** decided that a defect 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 Reports.

Date this report was prepared: **May 14, 2010**

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall: **Safety Recall SB 10-03**

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.

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

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Signed:



³ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, 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. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

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 | Model Years Involved | Model (s) | Vehicle Type | Bodystyle | Descriptive information which characterizes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall | Fab Date | BODY # | VIN # |
|--------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------|--|-----------|------------|-------------------|
| Labrie | 2008 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 12-Nov-08 | EX08108RRG | 1FVHCYDJ29HAJ4869 |
| Labrie | 2008 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 14-Aug-08 | EX08108SGR | 1HTWGAZT49J069180 |
| Labrie | 2008 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 13-Aug-08 | EX08108SGU | 1HTWGAZT69J069181 |
| Labrie | 2008 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 26-Dec-08 | EX08109AEG | 1FVHC5CV99HAG6014 |
| Labrie | 2008 | Automizer | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 06-Sep-08 | SF08108RRS | 1FVHC3BS59HAJ5190 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Automizer 2010 | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 11-Dec-09 | AU09110AVN | 1FVHC5CV29HAB4756 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 20-Aug-09 | EX09110AIN | 1HTWGAATXAJ206137 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 28-Nov-09 | EX09110ARA | 1FVHCYDJ0ADAP6461 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 28-Nov-09 | EX09110ARN | 1FVHCYDJ2ADAP6462 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 17-May-09 | EX09110DEE | 1HTWGAZT09J184441 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 17-May-09 | EX09110DEG | 1HTWGAZT99J184440 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 28-May-09 | EX09110DER | 1HTWGAZT49J184443 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 28-May-09 | EX09110DES | 1HTWGAZT69J184444 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 17-May-09 | EX09110DEU | 1HTWGAZT29J184442 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 19-Dec-09 | EX09110GVA | 1FVHCYDJ8ADAP6417 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 16-Jan-10 | EX09110GVD | 1FVHCYDJ6ADAP6416 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 08-Jan-10 | EX09110GVI | 1FVHCYDJ4ADAP6415 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 28-Nov-09 | EX09110UDU | 1FVHCYBS7AHAR0247 |

List continued....

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|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 14-Dec-09 | EX09110USE | 1HTWGAZT8AJ240548 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 16-Dec-09 | EX09110USG | 1HTWGAZT3AJ240456 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 14-Dec-09 | EX09110USN | 1HTWGAZT2AJ244837 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Expert T | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 16-Dec-09 | EX09110USU | 1HTWGAZTXAJ240549 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Automizer | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 16-Mar-09 | SF09109AUA | 2FZAAWBS39AAH0646 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Automizer | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 23-Sep-09 | SF09110DGE | 1HTWNAATXAJ204345 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Automizer | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 23-Sep-09 | SF09110DGR | 1HTWNAAT3AJ204347 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Automizer | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 23-Sep-09 | SF09110DGU | 1HTWENAAT1AJ204346 |
| Labrie | 2009 | Automizer | Garbage & Recycling Truck | Side Loader | A specific part is installed on the recalled vehicles. | 23-Oct-09 | SF09110NRE | 1HTWGAZT3AJ235872 |

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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. **5%**

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect.

| <u>Model</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| <i>Expert T</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>4</i> |
| <i>Expert T</i> | <i>2009</i> | <i>16</i> |
| <i>Automizer</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <i>Automizer</i> | <i>2009</i> | <i>5</i> |
| <i>Automizer 2010</i> | <i>2009</i> | <i>1</i> |

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: ***27 units***

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect: ***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:

- ***We searched our manufacturing system for a specific Bill of Material that was installed on specific units which included the part that could possibly get in contact with the female portion of the seat belt and in turn damage it.***
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- ***The possibly problematic parts were installed on units delivered between August 13, 2008 and January 16, 2010.***

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

An arm rest which is also a joystick bracket and that is located close to the seat belt could contact the female portion of the seat belt and in turn damage it.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect.

The arm rest which is also a joystick bracket was not designed in a way to prevent direct contact with the female portion of the seat belt.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect.

In the case where the female portion of the seat belt would become damaged, the seat belt may not function as originally intended in the case of an accident.

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

The plastic cover of the female portion of the seat belt could become dented/damaged or could fall off and in turn expose the internal mechanism/release button of the seat belt due to possible contact(s) with the arm rest/joystick bracket.

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

Possible defect would be related to a Labrie Environmental Group design.

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

None since not supplier related.

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

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.

-Reports: -Reports: A distributor informed Labrie that one customer had seen (9) failures of the driver side seat belt receiver (female portion) due to severe contact with the arm rest which is also a joystick bracket. We were told that the damages occurred because the drivers were not wearing their seat belts. In the case where the seat belts are worn and buckled, there are less chances that the female portion of the seat belt be damaged.

-Accidents: none

-Injuries: none

-Fatalities: none

-Related Warranty Claims: None

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

RECALL CONDITION: If the female portion of the seat belt receiver gets damaged due to severe contact(s) with the arm rest which is also a joystick bracket, the seat belt may not function properly in the case of an accident.

REMEDY: Replace the female portion of the seat belt in the case where it would have been damaged and install a deflector in order to prevent possible damages to the female portion of the seat belt.

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

-The original arm rest which is also a joystick bracket did not have a deflector. The recall correction is to replace damaged female portions of the seat belt (if any) and install a deflector.

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.

The recall condition was corrected on the production line For units delivered after January 16, 2010, The production remedy is identical to the 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.

Distributors will be notified no later than (1) week after approval is received from the NHTSA.

End Users will be notified no later than (2) weeks after approval is received from the NHTSA.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or non-compliance 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 non-compliance 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) for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.