

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

On 10/17/2010, Loadmaster Trailer Company, Ltd. 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 Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: 12/02/2010

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): N/A

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.

Loadmaster Trailer Company, Ltd.
2354 E Harbor Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

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.

Gary R. Straw II
Assistant General Manager

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 Ms. Jennifer Timian at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

1. 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): Loadmaster Trailer **Model Years Involved:** 2010 **Model(s):** See Below

Production Dates: Beginning: 09/10/2010 **Ending:** 10/16/2010

VIN Range: Beginning: 1L9CB3124AC237206 **Ending:** 1L9CB2219AC237251

Vehicle Type: Boat Trailer **Bodystyle:** C-channel steel construction

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

These models have the 15" X 6" 6 lug steel mod wheels within the date range of the subject defects.

Make(s): _____ **Model Years Involved:** _____ **Model(s):** _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** _____

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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>
290T615OB, 250T615CB, 290T615NB, 340R615SH, 300R615CB, 210S615CB, 320R615CB, 340R615SB, 200S615NB.		

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

11 Trailers

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: Based on the information that we were given ,we are estimating that the total number of vehicles that could contain the defect to the current date this year is approximately 11 which out of 263 delivered to date is 4.1%

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:

The recall population was determined based on information from Tredit Tire that the 15" X 6" 6 bolt wheels on a 5.5" center, with the style silver mod and Tredit's part number TF15X6655MS, ordered on 09/07/2010 and 10/11/2010 were subject to possible failure. When Loadmaster was made aware of the possible defect, they went out and checked their inventory for subject wheels with the stampings indicated as defect and removed them from their production line. Loadmaster Trailer Company, Ltd then checked the delivery log for trailers that could have left their facility with the subject defective wheels and populated a list of potential defective wheels.

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.

Under certain circumstances, the wheels may break while in use due to misaligned welds.

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

Misaligned welds.

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

The center of the wheel could separate from the rim.

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

The wheel may wobble and cause momentary vibration.

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

Sino-Tex is the U.S. agent of Xingmin Wheels, with the exclusive license to sell and/or distribute the

Xingman 15" painted wheels. Sino-Tex sold the subject wheels only to Tredit Tire and Tredit Tire sold the subject wheels to Loadmaster Trailer Company, Ltd.

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

Thomas Walker, President, Sino-Tex

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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.

On October 17, 2010 Loadmaster received a call from Tredit Tire and Wheel that there was a defect on the 15" X 6" 6 lug silver mod wheels that we purchased from Tredit Tire. Tredit gave Loadmaster two stampings to look for on the wheels they had in stock to determine if they were part of the defect or not. Loadmaster Trailer found 31 wheels in stock that were part of the defect, so those wheels were never used in production and never made it to the final customer.

On October 18, 2010 Tredit Tire gave Loadmaster Trailer a date range that would have included the subject wheels. We were given that our purchase order on 09/07/2010 and 10/11/2010 would have included the subject wheels. From those date ranges we were able to track deliveries that left our facility with the potential to have the subject wheels on the trailer. We were told to wait until all necessary filings had been done to issue the 573 and the recall letter to the final customer.

On November 29, 2010 Loadmaster received the safety recall notice from Tredit Tire and started the process for appropriate filings.

On November 30, 2010 Loadmaster Trailer sent an email to Kelley at NHTSA to get the necessary 573 form to fill out.

December 1, 2010 Loadmaster Trailer receives the 573 from NHTSA and begins the filings.

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 APPLICABLE

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.

If the customer has a wheel with the subject defect, they are to contact Trans Texas Tire immediately toll-free at 1-800-289-8667. A dealer at a location near the customer will inspect and if necessary, replace the wheel. They will need to take the vehicle and/or the subject wheel to the dealer for the inspection and or replacement.

If the customer is not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, the may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E. Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Highway Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4263, or go to <http://safercar.gov>.

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.

Replacement of the subject wheels with wheels of sufficient weld quality and press fit interference.

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

The replacement wheels will be of sufficient weld quality and press fit interference.

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 "test" rims were inadvertently placed in production. The intended production wheels have not been identified as containing a defect at this time.

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.

Loadmaster Trailer Company, Ltd. is notifying its customers of the recall and to follow the instructions provided above to have the subject wheels inspected/replaced.

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.