

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles  
**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report**<sup>1</sup>

**On October 1, 2010, Drv (formerly DoubleTree RV) decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exits 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:** January 11, 2011

**Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

DRv (formerly DoubleTree RV)  
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Howe, IN 46746  
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**Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.**

Deborah Baker  
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Governmental Compliance Manger  
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**Telephone Number:** 574-457-6472 **Fax No.:** 574-831-2308

**Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.**

Deborah Baker  
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Governmental Compliance Manager  
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<sup>1</sup> 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. George Person at (202) 366-5210 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(s):** DoubleTree **Model Years Involved:** 2006 to current **Model(s):** All Elite, Mobile Suite, and Select Suite

**Production Dates: Beginning:** 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2005 **Ending:** September 1 2010

**VIN Range: Beginning:** 2036 **Ending:** 5531

**Vehicle Type:** 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Recreational Vehicle **Bodystyle:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Model year 2006 to current, within Vin # range

**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 Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.**

**II. Identify the Recall Population**

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

<b><u>Model</u></b>	<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u></b>
Elite, Mobile, and Select Suite	2006 to current	1417

**Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:** 1417

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

**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:**

All units that fall within the specified VIN # range currently are listed at 3629 kg / 8000lbs on the Federal ID Tag.

**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.**

All units that fall within the specified VIN # range currently are listed at 3629 kg / 8000lbs on the Federal ID Tag.

See diagram to follow.

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

Same as above.

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

None

**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.**

N/A

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

N/A

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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.**

N/A

**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.**

N/A

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**V. Identify the Remedy**

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

Per NHTSA recommendation DRV is in agreement with the remedy which will allow for a single replacement label for all affected trailers. DRV will provide a label which is placed over the central portion of the certification label which would contain the information currently shown below the Manuf. Date and above the VIN data. Essentially an overlay for the information from the GVWR text line ("GVWR/PNBV 7945 KG(17500 LB)") down to and including the last sentence of the required test ".....in effect on the date of manufacture. The corrected weight on this label will be 3402 kg / 7500 lbs.

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

The current weight standard on the Federal ID Tag is shown at 3629 kg / 8000lbs.

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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.**

As of September 1 all DRv units are showing the correct weight. Owners of all affected units will receive the new label reflecting the corrected weight of 3402 kg / 7500 lbs.

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#### **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.**

Once a recall number has been established and mailing materials approved customer notification will begin within 14 days.

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#### **VII. Furnish Recall Communications**

**9. 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) for review prior to mailing.***

DRv will provide this information once the proposed remedy has been approved.

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