

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Equipment
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

On March 8, 2011, ArvinMeritor [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) exists in items of motor vehicle equipment 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: 3/8/2011

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): File #C11AB

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Kwik-Loc Corp., 730 Dorr St., Toledo, OH 43615

ArvinMeritor TL series trailer axles – concerning spindle nuts and stake washer.

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

Kwik-Loc Corp., President/Owner – Scott Nighswander

Telephone Number: 419-867-9393 Fax No.: 419-867-1811

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Linda West

Office Manager

Signed:

¹Each 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 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 E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment

2. Identify the Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall, for each make and model or applicable item of equipment product line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the item of equipment), provide:

Generic name of the item:

Make: Kwik-Loc **Model:** M4000 Converter Dollie

Part Number: M4000 **Size:** N/A

Function: Connecting two (2) semi-trailers.

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: N/A **Model:** _____

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: N/A **Model:** _____

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

N/A

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

II. Identifying the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of items of equipment recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Items Potentially Involved</u>
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See previous list of vin #'s and dates on original recall letter.

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: _____

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: unknown at this time

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 items of equipment: computer data base compared to manual sales and receipts of said manufacturers part numbers.

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.

Per ArvinMeritor, defect information , the Arvin M TL series trailer axles field reports low torque on spindle nut, where the stake washer for nut is staked in single location as opposed to multiple locations. Low and/or no torque on nut, can result in excessive end play in wheel systems and could progress to a wheel separation, which could result in a crash.

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

Unknown by Kwik-Loc Corp.

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

Possible wheel separation.

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

Unknown

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

ArvinMeritor

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

ArvinMeritor

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.

Contact ArvinMeritor

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 ArvinMeritor, they recommend all customers to be contacted to inspect wheel ends per

Technical Bulletins TP0860

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

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.

One customer is involved (GFS) Gordon Foods, certified letter of safety recall sent 1/18/2011 and receipt requested e-mail's sent 1/18/2011.

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) or by E-Mail (RMD.ODI@dot.gov) for review prior to mailing.

Note: These documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.