

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

On April 1st, 2011, Kalyn Siebert [MFR] 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: April 1st 2011 _____

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): EWR282 _____

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.

The Heil Co. D/B/A Heil Trailer International / Kalyn Siebert

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

John Goulart, Warranty, Customer Service, Environmental Coordinator Kalyn Siebert 254-865-7235 ex 234
Lynn Moses, Director of Customer Service Heil Trailer, 423-745- ex 2931

Telephone Number: _____ Fax No.: _____

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

John Goulart Warranty/ Customer service manager Environmental
Coordinator

Signed:

John P. Goulart

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.

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): Kalyn Siebert **Model Years Involved:** 2011 **Model(s):** LBO

Production Dates: Beginning: Jan 2011 **Ending:** Mar 2011

VIN Range: Beginning: 5ddke2645b1005364 **Ending:** 5ddkb0510b1005423

Vehicle Type: trailer **Bodystyle:** flatbed

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

Recalled slack adjusters have a casting defect.

Make(s): Kalyn Siebert **Model Years Involved:** 2011 **Model(s):** 12tsaf

Production Dates: Beginning: Jan2011 **Ending:** Mar 2011

VIN Range: Beginning: _5ddke2645b1005364 **Ending:** _5ddkb0510b1005423

Vehicle Type: trailer **Bodystyle:** flatbed

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Production Dates: Beginning: Jan 2011 **Ending:** Mar 2011

VIN Range: Beginning: _5ddke2645b1005364 **Ending:** __5ddkb0510b1005423

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Make(s): Kalyn Siebert **Model Years Involved:** 2011 **Model(s):** KSHRG

Production Dates: Beginning: Jan 2011 **Ending:** Mar 2011

VIN Range: Beginning: 5ddke2645b1005364 **Ending:** 5ddkb0510b1005423

Vehicle Type: trailer **Bodystyle:** flatbed

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

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Make(s): Kalyn Siebert **Model Years Involved:** 2011 **Model(s):** KDP

Production Dates: Beginning: Jan 2011 **Ending:** Mar 2011

VIN Range: Beginning: 5ddke2645b1005364 **Ending:** 5ddkb0510b1005423

Vehicle Type: trailer **Bodystyle:** flatbed

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

Recalled slack adjusters have a casting defect

Make(s): Kalyn Siebert **Model Years Involved:** 2011 **Model(s):** MHU100

Production Dates: Beginning: Jan 2011 **Ending:** Mar 2011

VIN Range: Beginning: 5ddke2645b1005364 **Ending:** 5ddkb0510b1005423

Vehicle Type: trailer **Bodystyle:** flatedbed

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

Recalled slack adjusters have a casting defect

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. Approximately 11% of units produced in this time period could potentially have defective slack adjusters.(16 of 140 units)

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
LBO	2011	4
KSHRG	2011	2
12TSAF	2011	5
12TSAB	2011	2
KDP	2011	1
MHU100	2011	2

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 16

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

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:

Notification from Accuride/ Gunit Corporation

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.

Housings of slack adjusters may possibly have a flow notch in the handle

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

Defective castings by supplier, Accuride/ Gunitite

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

Broken housing may result with inoperative brakes on only the axle with defective slack adjuster, not affecting the remaining axles and wheel ends.

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

Visual observation of mold line and lot numbers designated on slack adjusters to identify defective units.

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

Accuride/ Gunitite Corporation

7140 Office Circle P.O. box 15600

Evansville, In. 47716-0600

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

William Knoll---Jim Durant 1-855-857-8645

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.

On March 15th 2011, Accuride/ Gunite advised of potential defective slack adjusters. A field fix was generated by Kalyn Siebert/Accuride/ Gunite on March 31st 2011. There has been no report of accident, injury, fatality, or warranty claim to date.

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.

Visual observation and identify mold line and lot number on slack adjusters to determine whether affected by recall or not. any slack adjuster identified shall be reported directly to Accuride/ Gunite for replacement and installation in the affected trailer.

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 defective slack adjusters with NON defective slack adjusters.

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

Replacement will be installed prior to any failure of potential defective slack adjuster.

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.

Prior to continuing production, all inventory and units on lot were inspected for defective slack adjusters on March 17th 2011. The production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field.

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.

Customers and dealers have been notified verbally on March 24th, 2011. The 577 letter will be mailed to each of the non compliant customers within 5 days of receiving a formal recall number from ODI. The only foreseeable problem with implementing the recall is that we cannot force the customers to ground their units for the inspection and slack adjuster replacement.

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.