



March 1, 2011

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NSA-01)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Dear Sir or Madam:

A supplier, Arvin Meritor, has notified Featherlite Trailers that it has initiated a safety recall on certain axles supplied to Featherlite by Arvin Meritor, which has been installed on some of our trailers. Featherlite has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in an item 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.

The manufacturer of the component to be recalled is Arvin Meritor, located at 2135 W. Maple Rd., Troy, MI 48084. Their Safety Recall Campaign Number is 10E-057. We have been in contact with Arvin Meritor and are supplying them with a list of trailers and owner information. Arvin Meritor is conducting the recall on the units installed in our trailers and are supplying us with information as to what units have been repaired. A total of one hundred twenty seven (127) trailers were identified as potentially having the recalled units.

The contact at Featherlite, Inc. for Featherlite's recall of this component is:

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Further information, as required, is included in the attachments to this notification.

Sincerely,

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Arvin Meritor Recall of Arvin Meritor Axles

I. Identification of Recalled Items

Generic name of item: Arvin Meritor
Description: Axles
Part numbers: TL8671LE2062
Function: Running gear on trailers

II. Identifying the Recall Population

Item: Arvin Meritor Axles

Total number. Potentially involved: 254 (Installed on Featherlite trailers)

Estimated percentage containing the defect: 100%

How was recall determined: Notification by Arvin Meritor

Beginning and final dates recalled items were used in manufacture: 01/01/03 to 10/07/10

III. Describe Defect or Noncompliance

Describe defect: The affected units have a bearing system that has exhibited low durability life in certain vehicle applications. Prolonged use of the system in these applications can result in degradation of the bearing grease, thereby potentially resulting in a bearing failure and subsequent wheel-end fire.

Describe cause of defect: Improper design by Arvin Meritor.

Describe consequence of defect condition: The bearing will fail potentially causing wheel-end fire.

Identity of supplier who furnished the component and CEO name:

Arvin Meritor
2135 W. maple Rd.
Troy, MI 48084
Mr. Charles McClure, CEO

IV. Chronology in Determining the Defect

Featherlite was notified by Email by Arvin Meritor on January 14, 2011 of the actual recall. The email went to Doug Smith, purchasing agent for Featherlite Trailers. The information was forwarded to me for action. We are furnishing Arvin Meritor with trailer serial numbers and the owner information of the trailers as soon as the information is gathered.

V. Identify the Remedy

The remedy for the defect is to replace all hubs on suspected axles.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Initial notification to retail purchasers and registered owners. March 2, 2011

Arvin Meritor is conducting the actual recall.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

Drafts of the notification documents are attached.