



Defect Information Report
(Section 573.6)
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September 16, 2011

(c)(1) Manufacturer: Silver Eagle Manufacturing Company
5825 NE Skyport Way
Portland, OR 97218
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(c)(2) Vehicles Involved:

Models affected:

Converter dollies built with Accuride Gunite Automatic slack adjusters.
Hawk dollies (CSL & CSA model designators)
Tandem dollies (CTL & CTA model designators)
Falcon dollies (CSU model designator)

Model Years affected:

2010, 2011

Manufacture Dates: November 18, 2010 through March 24, 2011

Basis for determining population: Converter dollies manufactured using Accuride-Gunite Automatic Slack Adjusters Manufactured between October 15, 2010 and January 31, 2011

Component manufacturer if other than the vehicle manufacturer:

Accuride-Gunite Corporation
320 Peoples Ave.
Rockford, Ill 61104

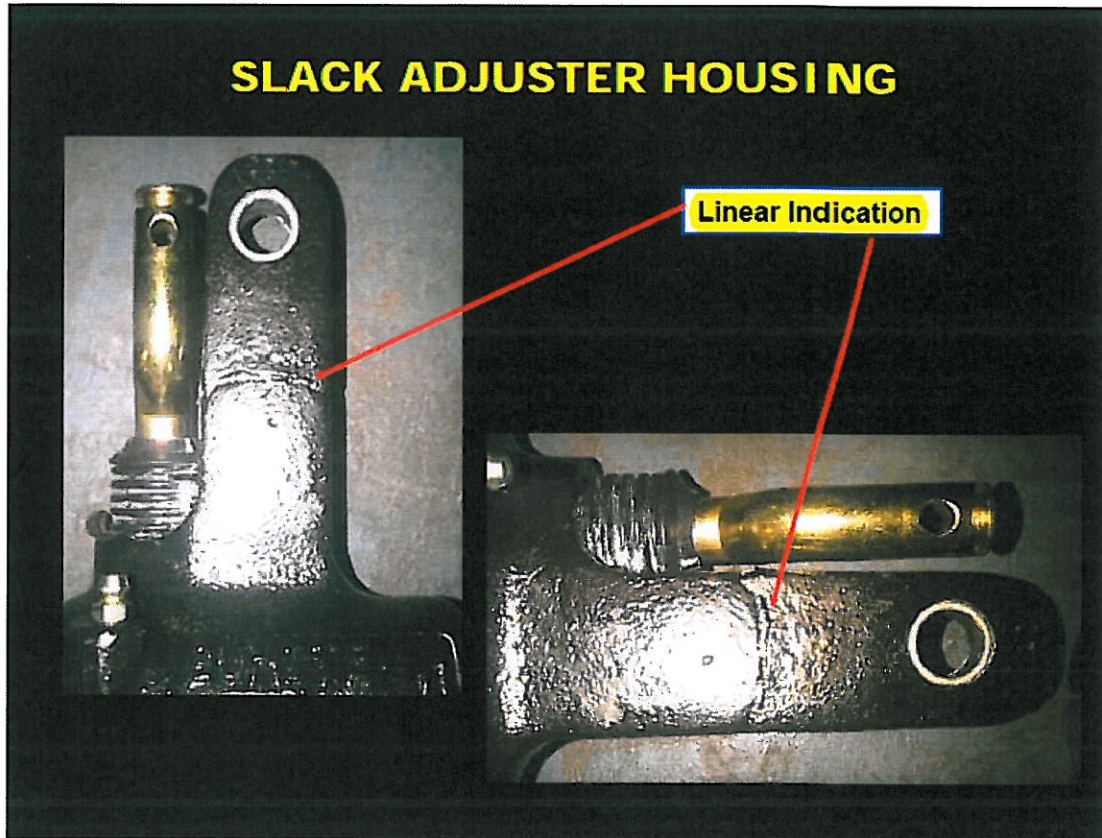
(c)(3) Total number of vehicles potentially affected: approximately 43

(c)(4) Percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect: 31.5%

(c)(5) Description of the defect:

The nonconformance is caused due to incomplete "knitting" of the iron at the time of casting, which is commonly referred to as a "misrun" by the foundry industry. While the dimensional characteristics of the area in question are within specification, in certain cases the casting process resulted in a "flow notch" in the "handle" portion. Causes of the nonconformance could be an interruption in the pour of the mold, low iron temperature, slow pouring practice or temporary blockage in the gating system.

Pictorial of nonconformance:



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(c)(6) Chronology of principal events:

February 23, 2011: Accuride Corporation notified NHTSA of potential failure (full chronology from Accuride appended to this document – appendix #1)

March 28, 2011: Silver Eagle is notified by Accuride Corporation of potential failure
March 28, 2011: Silver Eagle verified no defective parts are in stock or on products at factory location (Portland, OR)

September 8, 2011: NHTSA notifies Silver Eagle that no verification of end customer notification is on record (copy of letter from NHTSA appended to this document – appendix #2)

September 15, 2011: Silver Eagle completes investigation and prepares notification of potential affected end users.

September 16, 2011: Silver Eagle sends letters to sixteen (16) end users who could have received a potentially defective Gunite Automatic Slack Adjustor (sample letter appended to this document – appendix #3).



(c)(7) **Noncompliance test or other data:** not applicable

(c)(8) **Remedy:**

Silver Eagle initiates notification of sixteen (16) users. If any defective slack adjustors are located, the full remedy process is in the letter to the end user (sample of Silver Eagle letter appended to this document – appendix #3). This remedy process was written, owned, and managed by Accuride-Gunite Corporation who will replace any defective automatic slack adjustors free of charge, including time for removal and replacement of defective unit.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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