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

On or about November 10, 2011, Tracker Marine, LLC 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 Reports.

Date this report was prepared: 1/12/12

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): TS-0026

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.

Tracker Marine, LLC
2500 E. Kearney
Springfield, MO 65898

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

Tricia Cusic
Advocacy Response Supervisor

Telephone Number: 417-873-4588 **Fax No.:** 417-873-5036

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

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Technical Writer

Signed:


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¹Each 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. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 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): Trailstar **Model Years Involved:** 2011-12 **Model(s):** See below

2011 Z9 trailer

2012 Z8 trailer

2012 Z9 trailer

Production Dates: Beginning: 7/12/10 **Ending:** 11/10/11

VIN Range: Beginning: 4TM15LH21 **Ending** 4TM15EH29CB0

Vehicle Type: Trailer **Body style:** Boat

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

The affected units are identified by serial number and production date.

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.

71%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
Z9	2011	123
Z8	2012	67
Z9	2012	40

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: **230**

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

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:

Recall population was determined by production dates with units identified by part numbers. Beginning date was determined by information provided by our supplier based on shipping date of affected product to our manufacturing facility. Ending dates determined by discovery of condition and immediate quarantine of product upon notification.

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.

The brake calipers are provided as an assembly by our supplier. The condition is the locating pins the caliper assembly slides on were not tightened to the correct specification and can possibly come loose over time.

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

Caliper slide pins not tightened to correct specification.

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

The pins can back out resulting in loss of brake operation and damage to the brake components.

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

Inhibited brake function and/or rattling noise.

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

**Tie Down Engineering, Inc
5901 Wheaton Drive
Atlanta, GA 30336
800-241-1806**

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

Dean Samuelson - President

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.

11/10/11 Two Pro Staff fisherman reported concern and brought trailers to plant for evaluation. Trailers corrected.

11/10/11 Supplier notified. Quarantine all product and trailers affected. Plan and schedule to correct all trailers in company inventory at all locations.

11/14/11 Corrections to all trailers in company inventory completed.

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.

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.

The recall condition is the slider pins may not be tightened to the correct torque specification. The correction is below.

- Removal of the 2 locating pins on each caliper assembly.
- Apply red threadlocker to threads on slider pins.
- Reinstall slider pins and tighten to correct torque specification.

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

There is no change to the component or assembly. The remedy is adding threadlocker to the slider pin threads and ensuring the pins are tightened to the correct torque specification.

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.

All affected components and trailers were identified and quarantined upon discovery of condition. All affected trailers were corrected using the same method as will be used in the field.

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.

Two days after NHTSA approval – Recall notification to be published to TracNet – online Dealer Information Management Site.

Three – fours days after NHTSA approval – Recall notification dealer packet mailed to dealership

Four – five days after NHTSA approval – Recall notification letter to warranty registered consumers to be mailed.

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.

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