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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: August 20, 2012

This report serves as McClain Trailers, Inc. notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a safety related defect in certain trailer wheels. McClain Trailers, Inc. decided that this defect existed in these vehicles on November 2010.

I. Manufacturer, Designated Agent, and Other Chain of Distribution Information

Manufacturer's corporate name: **McClain Trailers, Inc.**

Vehicle brand or trademark name owner(s) (where applicable):

Designated Agent (imported vehicles):

If this notification concerns a defective or noncompliant component that the above identified manufacturer did not manufacture, identify that component and provide the name, address, and phone number of the manufacturer of the component (if this manufacturer is unknown, provide this information as to the supplier of the component):

Series 910 Intruder and 921 Intrepid Aluminum Wheels
Supplier: Carlisle Tire and Wheel
2233 E Philadelphia St.
Ontario, California 91761

Name, address, email, and phone and fax numbers for the person(s) to whom inquiries about this report should be directed:

Carlisle Tire and Wheel
2233 E. Philadelphia St.
Ontario, California 91761
PH# 800-367-5710 FAX# 800-352-0075

Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable):

II. Identification of the Recall Population and Its Size

Complete the tables below for each group of vehicles subject to this notification. Additional tables may be necessary where there are more than three groups subject to a notification.

Make:	McClain
Model:	AT series trailers
Model Year(s):	2011 and 2012
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):	November 2010
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):	Boat Trailer
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):	Single axle boat trailers
Total number of these vehicles:	26

Make:	McClain
Model:	ATT series trailers
Model Year(s):	2011 and 2012
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):	November 2010
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):	Boat Trailers
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):	

Tandem axle boat trailers
Total number of these vehicles: 120

Make:
Model:
Model Year(s):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):
Total number of these vehicles:

Provide the following information as to all the groups of vehicles:

Grand total number of vehicles: 146

The percentage of the recall population you estimate actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined (e.g., on what basis the recalled models were selected and how the inclusive dates of manufacture were determined):

The date was determined by the first date we purchased the wheels in question. The population was gathered by searching any trailer that was manufactured with aluminum wheels.

Describe how the recall population is different from any similar vehicles not subject to this notification:

90% of our trailers are manufactured with a galvanized wheel which are not part of the recall.

III. Description of the Defect or Noncompliance and Chronology of Events

Describe the defect or noncompliance, including a summary and detailed description of the nature and physical location (if appropriate) of the defect or noncompliance. Graphic aids should be provided where necessary.

910 Intruder wheel see attached picture

921 Intrepid wheel see attached picture

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

These wheels were manufactured with machined dimensions for the application of a center cap and the application of steel lug inserts that were not controlled to the required blue print specifications. As a result, the wheels may not be tightened to proper torque requirements during mounting process.

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

The tire and wheel may come loose and cause damage to the
towed vehicle along with other vehicles.

Identify any warning(s) that may precede the defect or noncompliance condition.

Rims may have a wobble or begin missing lug nuts.

For defects, provide a dated, chronological summary of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination that the defect is related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information such as numbers of crashes, injuries and fatalities.

We have not had any warranty claims. We were notified by
US Department of Transportation on July 26, 2012.

For noncompliances, identify the test results and other information considered in determining the existence of the noncompliance, and provide the date of each test and observation indicative of that noncompliance.

N/A

IV. The Remedy Program and Its Schedule

Describe the program for remedying the defect or noncompliance, including the plan for reimbursing those owners and purchasers who may have incurred costs to remedy the defect or noncompliance before receiving the manufacturer's notification concerning that defect or noncompliance. Also include, where applicable, details with dates concerning any production remedy that was conducted or will be conducted.

All recalls and reimbursements will be handled by Carlisle
Wheel and Tire.

Provide the estimated date(s) on which owner and purchaser notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

All owners will be notified by the 24th of August.

Provide the estimated date(s) on which dealer and distributor notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

The dealer notifications have already been mailed and were
completed August 15th.

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

New Aluminum wheels have been machined to specs.

******* IMPORTANT REMINDERS *******

A DRAFT version of the letter that the manufacturer intends to mail to owners and purchasers notifying them of the defect and/or noncompliance must be submitted to NHTSA at least five Federal Government business days before those letters are issued. In addition, it is recommended that the draft version of the letter that the manufacturer intends to send to its dealers and distributors concerning the defect and/or noncompliance also be submitted for review. For prompt receipt and review, drafts may be submitted to the attention of the Recall Management Division (NVS-215) via facsimile on (202) 366-7882, or email to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

A representative 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, dealer, or purchaser, must be submitted to NHTSA no later than five days after they are initially sent. This requirement applies both to the final version of the notification letter that is sent to owners and purchasers, as well as the final version that is sent to dealers and distributors. It also includes any follow-up notifications issued concerning a recall. The representative copies of the letters sent to owners and purchasers, and dealers and distributors, must be submitted via certified mail. It is strongly recommended, however, that additional representative copies be submitted via facsimile on (202) 366-7882, or email to RMD.ODI@dot.gov, so that the submission can be more promptly reviewed. All submissions should be conspicuously labeled with the appropriate NHTSA-assigned recall number.