

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

On July 17, 2012, Tracker Marine, LLC decided that a noncompliance 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: 9/7/12

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

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

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Springfield, MO 65898

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

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

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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): EZ LOADER Model Years Involved: 2009-2012 Model(s): AB 18-20

Production Dates: Beginning: January 8, 2009 Ending: June 6, 2011

VIN Range: Beginning: 1ZEVAANA59A Ending: 1ZEVAAND2CA

Vehicle Type: Trailer Bodystyle: Boat

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

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.

100%

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>
Mako 18 LTS	2010-2013	614

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 614

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 25%

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:

In the interest of safety, all units that could be affected are included by the recall. This covers the entire production run from the inception of the product to present.

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.

Noncompliance involves the possibility that net load could exceed posted net load capacity.

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

Incremental weight increases to affected units (boats) may result in net loads greater than the net load capacity of the trailer.

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

Potential net load capacities in excess of posted trailer net load capacity.

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

Excessive or irregular tire wear.

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

**EZ Loader Adjustable Boat Trailers, Inc.
717 Hamilton, P.O. Box 3263
Spokane, WA 99220-3263**

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

Todd Falkowski

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.

DATE	ACTION
6/7/2012	Report from dealer they possibly have a heavy Mako 18 LTS package.
6/18/2012	TMG has direct contact with boat owner to arrange verification of concern.
6/28/2012	Specify to dealership how the package needs to be weighed.
6/29/2012	Verify weight of boat Affected Unit (boat): BUJ50014B212 Gross Wt: 2,940 lbs. (loaded boat, motor, trailer) Trailer GVWR: 2,720 lbs.
7/2/2012	Notify dealer network to quarantine trailers.
7/2-7/17-12	Research weight of units in several dealers' inventory.
7/16/2012	Conference with EZ Loader to discuss corrective action.
7/17/2012	Determine recall required. EZ Loader to determine via NHSTA if they or TMG do recall.
8/3/2012	Establish axle replacement process with EZ Loader on-site.
8/17/2012	EZ Loader notifies TMG we are required to do the recall. (Bill Lang)
8/20/2012	Inquiry to NHSTA for direction on trailer labeling requirements.
8/28/2012	NHSTA provides certification label format required.

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.

Current GVWR of the affected trailers is 2720 LBS.

All boat packages will be weighed at a certified scale to verify package weight.

Replace axle assembly of packages found to weigh in excess of 2449 LBS with a full tank of fuel and on stock units found to weigh in excess of 2250 LBS with an empty fuel tank.

Axle replacement will increase trailer GVWR to 3420 LBS. Units in states requiring brakes on trailers of the new GVWR rating will be upgraded with brakes at no expense to the owner.

Replace original 13" tires/wheels with Load Range "D" tires/wheels.

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

Higher weight capacity axle will be distinguished by a label or some other manner of identification from the axle manufacturer.

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.

This trailer model is no longer purchased for use under the Mako 18 LTS boat.

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.

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.