

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: 9/26/12

This report serves as Super Test Corporation's notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in certain aluminum utility trailer kits. Super Test Corporation decided that this defect existed in these vehicles on 9/14/12.

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

Manufacturer's corporate name: Super Test Corporation

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

Designated Agent (imported vehicles):

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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):

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

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PH: 877-782-8290  
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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: Alumadump Aluminum Trailer Kit
Model: AL6096
Model Year(s): 2012
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 09/11-04/12
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars): Aluminum Utility 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):
Total number of these vehicles: 175

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:

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: 175

The percentage of the recall population you estimate actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 10%

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):

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This is the only population that was sold at retail. Internal testing and evaluation as well as retail customer feedback helped identify reason for recall

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

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The recall population is the entire production run. There was only one retailer selling this particular product.

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### 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.

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The weld that connects the tongue and the trailer frame can separate under stress.

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

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Improper welding during manufacturing could cause this issue

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

If the weld breaks, the tongue may separate from the frame, which could create an unstable load and unsecure connection from the towing vehicle. This could create roadway hazards

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

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*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.

7/3/12- Retail customer complaint. Returned 1 unit to store with complaint of weld issues

7/10/12- Retail customer complaint. Not welding related. Sent replacement parts to customer

8/31/12- Retail customer product return. Frame had separated from tongue after heavy use

9/10/12- Retail customer return. Tongue separated from frame after use at high rate of speed.

**No crashes, injuries, or fatalities have been reported.**

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*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.

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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.

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Super Test Corporation is having all remaining inventory returned to our warehouse. We are working with

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Our retail partner to post Recall Notices in their stores. The notices include instructions on how to contact

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Super Test Corporation for a full refund.

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We are currently reviewing manufacturing improvements to implement on the next production run.

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

10/1/12 to be issued

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12/31/12 to be completed

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

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Notified sole Retail Partner on 9/14/12

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

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**\*\*\*\*\* 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.

