

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: August 12, 2013

This report serves as [insert reporting manufacturer's name]'s notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a [insert as applicable: "defect related to motor vehicle safety" or "noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards"] exists in certain [identify the vehicles at issue]. [Manufacturer] decided that this [insert "defect" or "noncompliance," as applicable] existed in these vehicles on [insert date].

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

Manufacturer's corporate name: Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.

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

Designated Agent (imported vehicles): Larry Brewer - Pierce Mfg. Inc.

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):

Ricon Corporation

7900 Nelson Road

Panorama City, CA 91402

Contact: Stanton Saucier 818-267-3000

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

Larry Brewer - Pierce Mfg. Inc.
2600 American Drive
Appleton, WI 54914
P-920-749-2358 FAX-815-806-7366

Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable): N/A

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:	Oshkosh Specialty Vehicles
Model:	AMAMTH-2
Model Year(s):	2008
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):	Feb 2008
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):	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):	VIN: 1S9FS422081 [REDACTED]
Total number of these vehicles:	1

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: 1

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):

Ricon Corp. notified NHTSA who notified Pierce on July 30th 2013.

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

Only select vehicles have Ricon lifts which are ordered as an option by our customer.

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.

The handheld pendant cord could possibly come in contact with a power lug and cause it to short out. This could result in a fire.

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

Failure to install the pendant cable such that it keeps clear of the wheelchair lift base combined with an improperly installed or omitted protective elastomeric boot.

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

If the aforementioned short circuit occurs and is not removed within a few seconds, a vehicle fire may result placing the occupants at risk.

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

Sparks at the base of the power pack or rapid heating of the pendant cable - wisps of smoke or the smell of burnt plastic.

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.

On July 14, 2012 a fire occurred on a vehicle operated by Firts Transit in Independence, MO. On August 2, 2012 ITC Experts traced the cause to the lift pendant cable. Ricon determined the defect was present on Sept. 28, 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.

Given the possible severity of the outcome Ricon based their recall solely on the single incident involving the Gilaval Bus in Independence, Missouri.

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.

As we have only identified one unit with this vintage lift we have called the owner, left messages and sent a certified letter describing the problem and the remedy.

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

The owner - [REDACTED] [REDACTED] received notification on August 8, 2012 at 12:17 PM.

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

N/A

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

The lift power cord assembly will have a new non-conducting cover provided by Ricor.