Part 573 Safety Recall Report

15E-018

Manufacturer Name : Multiprens USA, Inc.
Submission Date : MAR 04,2015
NHTSA Recall No. : 15E-018
Manufacturer Recall No. : MUSA0814

Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Multiprens USA, Inc.
Address : 20 Ohio Avenue
Kansas City KS 66118
Company phone : 913-371-6999

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 22,104
Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Equipment Information :

Brand / Trade : MULTIPRENS/TRIANGLE KIT
Model : STK-100
Part No. : STK-100
Size : Approx 18 3/4"Lx4.5"Wx4.5"H
Function : NR
Descriptive Information : The warning triangle kit consists of a plastic box containing 3 reflective warning triangles with stands. The box has one handle and a white sticker label identifying the Part # STK-100. On the inside triangles, Multiprens' name and part number are embossed on the orange plastic just above the reflector. Please see attached photograph labeled Cixi.
Production Dates : OCT 04, 2011 - JUL 21, 2014

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : According to the recent test results, the kits manufactured by Cixi Xingan Industrial Co., Ltd. have an inner border of the orange florescent material that is slightly too large. At certain angles, the triangles are not as reflective as required, nor does the color completely meet the standard. The triangles can also move under wind load, and may be subject to joint separation and discoloration following exposure to the elements. See attached laboratory test results for Models A, B, and C. Please make note MULTIPRENS purchased triangle kits for another supplier. That supplier is Ningbo Fuding Industrial & Trading Co., Ltd. We are submitting test results for Model E.

Description of the Safety Risk : The Triangle may move from intended position under high winds and may degrade following exposure to the elements. The color and reflectivity may not be sufficient to see under certain conditions and angles. Non-conformance of triangle warning kits with the standard could result in reduced visibility for a moving vehicle of a disabled vehicle.

Description of the Cause : The color and reflective material used may not be of sufficient quality. The base

may not be properly filled with ballast. The molds used to manufacture the kits may not be appropriately sized to meet the standard.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : N/A

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Cixi Xingan Industrial Co., Ltd

Address : No. 4 Xingan Road
Xiaoan Village, Zhouxiang Town Cixi City, Zhejiang Province FOREIGN STATES

Country : China

Chronology :

In 2014, Multiprens received from NHTSA (OA-125-140507) a copy of test results performed by CalCoast in 2012 indicating a failure of a warning triangle kit manufactured by Ningbo Yongjia Auto Parts Co., Ltd. Multiprens did not purchase kits from this company, nor does it have any relationship to Ningbo Yongjia Auto Parts Co. However, Multiprens voluntarily submitted a sample of the kits manufactured by Ningbo Fuding Industrial & Trading Co., Ltd. to an independent laboratory to test for compliance. Multiprens received tests results dated February 19, 2015 indicating the kits manufactured by Ningbo Fuding Industrial & Trading Co., Ltd. do not fully comply with the standard. See attached laboratory test results for Model E.
Multiprens also voluntarily submitted a sample of the kits manufactured by Cixi Xingan Industrial Co., Ltd., even though Multiprens had previously received test results and confirmation from Cixi that their kits complied with the DOT standard. Multiprens received tests results dated February 19, 2015 indicating the kits manufactured by Cixi Xingan Industrial Co., Ltd. do not fully comply with the standard. See attached laboratory test results for Models A, B, and C.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Multiprens has not received any complaints from customers regarding the performance of the safety warning triangle kits and is unaware of any costs incurred to remedy the non-compliance prior to the impending recall. Multiprens will provide a UPS mailing labels for free shipment of the subject product to Multiprens. Once Multiprens receives the returned subject product, Multiprens will confirm it is subject to this recall and will promptly refund the purchase price to the purchaser.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : N/A

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : N/A

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : All notifications will go through dealers and are estimated to be mailed within 30 days of NHTSA review.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : MULTIPRENS USA, INC.
Address : 20 Ohio Avenue
Kansas City KS 66118
Country : US
Company Phone : 9133716999

* NR - Not Reported