

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 21V-177

**Manufacturer Name :** Charles Machine Works, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAR 15, 2021**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21V-177**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :****Population :****Manufacturer Name :** Charles Machine Works, Inc.**Number of potentially involved :** 456**Address :** 1959 Fir Street**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %**Box 66 Perry OK 73077****Company phone :** 580-572-2223**Vehicle Information :****Vehicle 1 :** 2008-2020 Ditch Witch S4S**Vehicle Type :** TRAILERS**Body Style :****Power Train :** NR

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**Production Dates :** JUN 10, 2008 - APR 20, 2020**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 1DSB141W381702427 **End :** 1DSB321WXL1700326☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2015-2021 Ditch Witch 025-1020

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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**Production Dates :** JAN 16, 2015 - FEB 02, 2021

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 1DSB141W1F1701712 **End :** 1DSB321W0W1700322 ☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2015-2015 Ditch Witch 745-7900

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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**Production Dates :** APR 17, 2015 - APR 17, 2015

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 1DSB141W9F1701733 **End :** 1DSB141W9F1701733

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Vehicle 4 : 2009-2019 Ditch Witch ZS6S

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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**Production Dates :** MAY 22, 2009 - NOV 20, 2019

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 1DSB141W091700975 **End :** 1DSB321WXL1700312

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Vehicle 5 : 2010-2010 Ditch Witch ZS6S-1

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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**Production Dates :** JUL 09, 2010 - JUL 09, 2010

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 1DSB141W5A1700961 **End :** 1DSB141W5A1700961

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## Description of Noncompliance :

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FMVSS 1 : 108 - Lamps, reflective devices, and assoc. Equipment  
FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Potential crash hazard due to potentially missing side reflex reflectors.

Description of the Cause : The part was missing from a production unit that was inspected at the end of 2020. Some other units previously manufactured, however, were found to have the part.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

## Chronology :

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## Description of Remedy :

**Description of Remedy Program :** Dealers and customers to inspect for side reflex reflectors or conspicuity tape near the front portion of the trailer. If not present, dealer will add reflectors.

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** They are the same component.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** The component is included in the bill of materials and has been added to the end of the line inspection checklist, as well as the pre-ship audit checklist.

## Recall Schedule :

**Description of Recall Schedule :** The dealer channel will be notified today. The customer notification letter will be sent once approved by NHTSA staff.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** MAR 15, 2021 - NR

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported