INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573

Assigned Recall No. 03V-043 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **January 30, 2003** Date E-Mailed: **February 20, 2003**

Manufacturer: **Pierce Manufacturing Inc.**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. Roger Lackore, Director of New Product Development**

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SUBJECT: **13 Pierce 2000 Custom chassis equipped with Harrison Hydra-Gen generators and shipped between March 1, and December 1, 2000. The tubing connecting the soft start to the generator pump can break away from the fitting and spray hydraulic fluid onto the exhaust causing a fire that could endanger people in the vicinity, the vehicle itself, and nearby property.**

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter. It is suggested that a couple of changes be made to this letter. Please change the word "determined" to **"decided"** in the first sentence of the second paragraph.

Also, a sentence should be added concerning leased vehicles. The suggested sentence is, **"Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."**

After January 15, 2003, a statement should be added concerning reimbursement to owners who have previously paid to have this repair work performed.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter **in which notification to purchasers occurs.** As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during February 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:

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