



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Gerald Brohl
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NVS-215KS
12V-468

Subject: Fuel Tank Venting Compressed Natural Gas

Dear Mr. Brohl:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vehicle Production Group LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MV-1/MV-1/2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: September 24, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-468

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 435

Problem Description:

The Vehicle Production Group (VPG) is recalling certain model year 2011 and 2012 MV-1 vehicles, equipped with a compressed natural gas (CNG) engine. The pressure relief plug for the CNG storage tank may be incorrectly assembled.

Consequence:

If the plug is incorrectly assembled, it may inadvertently discharge the CNG. A CNG leak in the presence of an ignition source may ignite and result in a vehicle fire.

Remedy:

The Vehicle Production Group will notify owners, and dealers will install a secondary pressure relief device on each vehicle to prevent leaking, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact the Vehicle Production Group at 1-877-681-3678.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received the Vehicle Production Group's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the 1705X2 valves.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement