



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 7, 2012

Mr. George Daniels
Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.
Vice President, Service Operations
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Novi, MI 48375

NVS-215KS
12V-555

Subject: Battery B+ Short Circuit/Possible Fire

Dear Mr. Daniels:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.'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:

HINO/NA6J/2005-2013
HINO/NB6J/2005-2013
HINO/NC6J/2005-2013
HINO/ND8J/2005-2013
HINO/NE8J/2005-2013
HINO/NF8J/2005-2013
HINO/NJ8J/2005-2013
HINO/NV8J/2005-2013

Mfr's Report Date: December 3, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-555

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 35,168

Problem Description:

Hino is recalling certain model year 2005 through 2013 medium duty trucks, models NA6J, NB6J, NC6J, ND8J, NE8J, NJ8J, NF8J, and NV8J, manufactured from August 18, 2003, through November 16, 2011. Over time, the main B+ circuit from the battery to the starter could potentially short to ground due to wear that accumulates as a result of interference between the B+ circuit and its convoluted tubing sheath.

Consequence:

If the B+ circuit shorts to ground, it may lead to a fire.

Remedy:

Hino will notify owners, and dealers will repair the vehicles free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on, or about, January 15, 2013. Owners may contact Hino at 1-248-699-9390.

Notes:

Hino's recall campaign number is A8310. 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.

The information in your report suggests that Hino may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

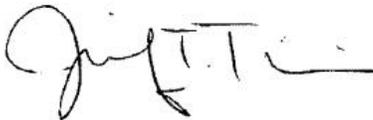
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement