



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. George Daniels
Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.
Vice President, Service Operations
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NVS-215KS
13V-614

Subject: Parking Brake may Release or not fully Engage

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/NE8J/2011-2014
HINO/NF8J/2011-2014

Mfr's Report Date: December 6, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-614

Components:

PARKING BRAKE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,000

Problem Description:

Hino Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc. (Hino) is recalling certain model year 2011-2014 NE8J and NF8J trucks. In the affected vehicles, components of the parking brake handle assembly may wear resulting in either the parking brake unexpectedly releasing when engaged or preventing the parking brake from fully engaging.

Consequence:

Either parking brake condition may result in the vehicle rolling unexpectedly, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Hino will notify owners, and when parts are available, dealers will install a newly designed parking brake lever assembly. Until parts are available, dealers will, as an interim measure, install a larger washer on the parking brake cable at the parking brake handle assembly. The interim repair notification is expected to begin in February 2014. A second notice will be mailed when the revised the parking brake assembly is available. Customers may contact Hino at 1-248-699-9330.

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.



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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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