



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

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Washington, DC 20590

July 8, 2015

Ms. Janet Kercher-Dudley
Standards Engineer
Turtle Top
67819 State Road 15
New Paris, IN 46553

NVS-215KS
15V-396

Subject: Terminal Strip Possibly Reconnected Improperly

Dear Ms. Kercher-Dudley:

This letter serves to acknowledge Turtle Top'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:

TURTLE TOP/ODYSSEY/2006-2014
TURTLE TOP/ODYSSEY LT/2011
TURTLE TOP/TERRA TRANSPORT/2006-2012, 2014
TURTLE TOP/VAN TERRA/2014

Mfr's Report Date: June 18, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-396

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
EQUIPMENT: AIR CONDITIONER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 355

Problem Description:

Turtle Top is recalling certain model year 2006-2014 Odyssey, 2011 Odyssey LT, 2006-2012 Terra Transport, 2014 Terra Transport, and 2014 Van Terra vehicles built on a GM chassis with a 6.6L engine. The affected transit buses and MPV specialty vehicles are equipped with Trans-Air add-on compressor mount kits, part numbers 4012506-01, 4012506-02, 4013126-01, 4013126-02, 4013235-01, 4013235-02, 4012909, 4013125, 4013222 and 717173 installed by Trans-Air personnel. After installing the compressor, a power distribution terminal strip may not have been properly reconnected.

Consequence:

If the power distribution terminal strip has a poor connection or a loose connection, the strip may arc or overheat, increasing the risk of a vehicle fire.

Remedy:

Turtle Top will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the power distribution terminal strip connection, correcting it as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2015. Owners may contact Turtle Top customer service at 1-800-673-2446.

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 Turtle Top'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:

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).

The information in your report suggests that Turtle Top may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please amend your provided chronology to explain the principal events, including their dates, that occurred between the April 2015 notification from Trans/Air and the June 2015 filing by Turtle Top.

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