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Recall A-1303: Windshield Wiper Linkage Welds

8 May 2013

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6
Autocar, LLC Recall No. A-1303

The following information is in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

573.6(c)(1): The manufacturer's name

Autocar, LLC ("Autocar").

573.6(c)(2): Identification of the vehicles including a description of the manufacturer's basis for its determination of the recall population

Autocar has identified a defect in 2012 and 2013 model-year ACX model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built by Autocar between May 1, 2012 and November 15, 2012, with serial numbers in the range 214358 through 215533. The defect occurs in the windshield wipers of the affected vehicles.

573.6(c)(3): The total number of vehicles or items of equipment potentially containing the defect

797 vehicles are potentially affected.

573.6(c)(4): The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance

85% of the 797 vehicles are affected.

573.6(c)(5): A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance

The affected vehicles' windshield wipers may not be in compliance with FMVSS 104, S4.1, as an insufficient weld attaching the wiper shaft to the bracket may not hold the wiper arm in its proper position.



573.6(c)(6) and (7): A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety

07 NOV 2012 First issue was reported on the vehicle in the field.

08 NOV 2012 - Investigation and inspection of vehicles. Autocar engineers worked with the supplier to identify
01 MAY 2013 the suspect population.

02 MAY 2013 Autocar decided to initiate a recall for vehicles in the field.

573.6(c)(8)(i): A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance
Autocar will voluntarily initiate an owner notification and recall of all affected vehicles. Autocar will distribute to owners of affected vehicles an Owner Notification Letter which will describe the defect and provide instructions for scheduling repair of the vehicle, at no cost to the vehicle's owner.

573.6(c)(8)(ii): The estimated date(s) on which it will begin sending notifications to owners, and to dealers and distributors

02 MAY 2013 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.

08 MAY 2013 573.6 letter to be sent to NHTSA.

21 JUN 2013 Owner notification letter to be sent to NHTSA for approval.

01 JUL 2013 Repair bulletin to be distributed by Autocar.

02 JUL 2013 Owner notification letter and recall response card to be sent to vehicle owners.

573.6(c)(9):
Not Applicable.

573.6(c)(11): The manufacturer's campaign number, if not identical to the identification number assigned by NHTSA

Autocar's campaign number assigned to this recall is A-1303.

Very truly yours,

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