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Recall A-1302: Missing Air Tank Drain Valves

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-1302

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 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 model-year ACX, WX and WXML model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built by Autocar between November 16, 2004 and September 10, 2012, with serial numbers in the range 201571 through 215186. The defect occurs due to potentially missing air tank drain valves on certain vehicles.

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

82 vehicles are potentially affected.

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

An undetermined percentage of the 82 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' air brake systems specifications may not be in compliance with FMVSS121 §5.1.2.4 as they were possibly built without a required air tank drain valve.



**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**

24 APR 2013 Autocar found the issue during a routine vehicle quality audit.

24 APR 2013 - Investigation and inspection of vehicles.  
01 MAY 2013

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-1302.

Very truly yours,

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