



AUTOCAR SAFETY RECALL A-1301
NHTSA RECALL 13V-138
June 2013

Dear Autocar Truck Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Autocar has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain vehicles equipped with Meritor DiscPlus EX225 Air Disc brakes, and Q Plus Cam Brakes manufactured between November 23, 2010 and October 22, 2012 that utilize certain MGM Type 24 J-Series Piston Parking Brake Actuators. A total of 532 2011, 2012 and 2013 model-year ACX model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built by Autocar between January 24, 2011 and December 4, 2012, with serial numbers in the range 212620 through 215475. are affected. Our records indicate that your vehicle was manufactured within this time period and may contain the defect described herein.

MODELS Autocar Xpeditor 2011, 2012 and 2013
AFFECTED:

COMPONENTS MGM Type 24 J-Series Piston Parking Brake Actuators ("Actuators")
AFFECTED:

SAFETY DEFECT: Meritor, Inc. has informed Autocar that with regard to the Actuators installed on certain axles: *MGM Brakes, a Division of Indian Head Industries, Inc. ("MGM Brakes") informed Meritor that it implemented a design change that, according to field reports, inadvertently allows for intermittent leakage of air past a seal in the Actuator. If insufficient air pressure exists, a spring within the actuator becomes "uncaged" and applies force to the brake. Depending on the amount of leakage, the brake can drag while the vehicle is in service or prevent the wheel from rotating, thereby resulting in elevated operating temp. and/or could result in wheel-end fire.*

POTENTIAL RISK: Depending on the amount of leakage, the brake can drag while the vehicle is in service or prevent the wheel from rotating, thereby resulting in elevated operating temp. and/or could result in wheel-end fire.

PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE: Vehicles that potentially contain axles with suspect Actuators should be inspected as soon as feasible.

REPAIR REQUIRED: At no charge to you regardless of your vehicle's age or mileage, in conjunction with the supplier, a repair facility will inspect and replace the Actuators, if needed.

TIME REQUIRED FOR THE REPAIR: Inspection time: 0.6 hour per axle wheel end
Repair time if required: 1.75 hours per axle wheel end

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: To have your vehicle repaired, contact your local authorized Autocar service site or email warranty@autocartruck.com. Alternatively, you may contact Meritor directly as follows: *Call the OnTrac Customer Service Center at 866-668-7221 (US and Canada) between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM ET Monday through Friday, and between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM ET on Saturday. After selecting "preferred language," select option 1 for axles and braking systems and refer to Program number C13AA.*



PRIOR REPAIRS:

If you have previously paid for repairs relating to the Actuators, you may be entitled to recover the amount you paid for those repairs. Submit a copy of all documentation supporting your claim to Autocar at the address set forth below in the "Assistance" section.

NOTICE REGARDING LEASED VEHICLES:

If you are a Lessor (as defined below) of a vehicle that is affected by this notice, you are obligated under federal law to provide a copy of this Notice to the lessee of such vehicle within 10 days of your receipt of this Notice. Further, you must maintain a record, which identifies the lessee(s) to whom you send a copy of this Notice, the date you send the Notice and the VIN of the vehicle that you have leased to the lessee(s).

For purposes of this Notice, the term "Lessor" means a person or entity that is the owner, as reflected on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles (as defined in 49 CFR Section 577.4), as of the date of this Notice.

OWNER RECALL RESPONSE CARD:

The enclosed Owner Recall Response Card identifies your vehicle. Please complete this postage-paid card and return it to Autocar. If you do not own, have sold or have traded the vehicle identified on the card, please indicate that on the postage-paid card and return it to Autocar.

ASSISTANCE:

If you need assistance with this recall, call our toll-free numbers below or write to Autocar at:

Autocar, LLC
Service & Warranty Department
551 S Washington St.
Hagerstown, IN 47346-0190
888-218-3611 (Toll Free)
877-973-3486 (Toll Free)

You may also submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this recall may cause, but we hope you recognize Autocar's concern for your safety and satisfaction with your vehicle.

Sincerely,

AUTOCAR, LLC