



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

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Mr. Jessie Grigsby
Director of Operations
Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company
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NVS-215KS
14V-479

Subject: PTO Pressure Switch Oil Leak may Result in Fire

Dear Mr. Grigsby:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company'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:
SUPER DUTY/F-550/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: March 20, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-479

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3

Problem Description:

Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company (Kaffenbarger) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Ford F-550 Super Duty vehicles modified by Kaffenbarger and equipped with certain Muncie Power Products PTO Assemblies. In the affected vehicles, oil may leak from the PTO pressure switch onto a thermal blanket covering the exhaust.

Consequence:

The leaking oil may soak into the thermal blanket covering the exhaust, which when combined with heat from exhaust, may result in an increased risk of fire.

Remedy:

Kaffenbarger will notify owners, and dealers will replace the old PTO assembly with a new pressure switch kit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on August 30, 2014. Owners may contact Kaffenbarger customer service at 1-877-465-5832.

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 Kaffenbarger'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:

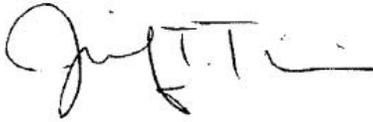
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

The information in your report suggests that Kaffenbarger may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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