



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 5, 2014

Mr. Mauricio Hernandez
President
Autotech Accessories Inc.
21303 Itasca Street
Chastworth, CA 91311

NVS-215SM
14E-047

Subject: Spokes May Break On The Wheel

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autotech Accessories Inc.'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:

AUTOTECH/AVID 03/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 21, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14E-047

Components:

WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,600

Problem Description:

Autotech Accessories Inc. (Autotech) is recalling certain Avid 03 15x8.0 +25 offset aftermarket wheels, part numbers AV0315804H25MF (machined face), AV0315804H25SL (silver face), AV0315804H25GL (gold face), and AV0315804H25WH (white face), manufactured March 2013 to October 2013. The spokes of the affected wheels may break causing the rim to separate from the center part of the wheel.

Consequence:

If the rim separates from the center part of the wheel, there is an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Autotech will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected wheels, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2014. Owners may contact Autotech customer service at 1-818-626-9768.

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 Autotech'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.

The provided chronology is incomplete. As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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 Autotech 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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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