



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Alan Akin
Alpine Electronics Of America, Inc.
19145 Gramercy Place
Torrance, CA 90501

NVS-215MR
15E-069

Subject: Audio Amplifier may Overheat

Dear Mr. Akin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Alpine Electronics Of America, 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:

ALPINE/AUDIO AMPLIFIER/9999

Mfr's Report Date: August 25, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15E-069

Components:

EQUIPMENT:ELECTRICAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,329

Problem Description:

Alpine Electronics Of America, Inc. (Alpine) is recalling certain Audio Amplifiers, models PDR-F50 and PDR-M65, manufactured December 1, 2013, to July 1, 2015. Due to a manufacturing error, the power circuit board (PCB) may develop an abnormal hot spot.

Consequence:

A PCB that overheats increases the risk of a vehicle fire.

Remedy:

Alpine will notify owners and dealers will replace the amplifier, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Alpine customer service at 1-800-733-4101 or visit www.alpine-usa.com/recallpdr.

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 Alpine'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.

Your draft owner notification letter includes Alpine's proposed remedy plan, however, your Defect Information report does not. Please amend your report to include this information.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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