

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

AUTOCAR

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Dear Autocar Truck Owner:

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

Autocar LLC has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain WX, WXLL and WXR model, heavy-duty class 8 vehicles shipped between 12/9/03 & 7/20/04 with VIN number range 200173 to 200959.

SAFETY DEFECT:

On certain Autocar WX, WXR and WXLL model vehicles assembled at Autocar's Hagerstown facility fitted with Accuride 22.5 x 9.00 - Hub Pilot H.D. Steel Wheel Rims with Accuride P/N RA 29300-1, the rear axle wheel studs are too short and do not protrude past the end of the nut.

POTENTIAL RISK:

There is a possibility that the shorter wheel studs may not be able to retain the applied wheel nut torque and may loosen off allowing the loss of a wheel(s). Anytime a vehicle loses a wheel while traveling down a roadway there is the possibility of an accident either for the truck losing the wheel or another vehicle or injury to a pedestrian coming in contact with a runaway wheel.

PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE:

You may perform an inspection looking for any missing or loose wheel stud nuts. If you find any nuts missing do not drive the vehicle until new nuts have been installed. If the nuts are loose tighten them up (wheel nuts must be torqued to 450 - 500 ft. lbs) and immediately take the vehicle to your dealer to have the recall completed.

REPAIR:

At no charge to you regardless of your vehicle's age or mileage, a Autocar truck dealer will repair your vehicle.

TIME REQUIRED FOR THE REPAIR:

The labor time required to repair your vehicle is about 8 hours.

WHAT YOU SHOULD

Autocar LLC urges you to immediately contact a Autocar truck dealer for a service appointment to have your vehicle repaired. Parts are currently available for shipment to the dealer scheduling your Service Appointment. To locate the closest Autocar truck dealer you can go on line to www.Autocartruck.com and select Sales, Service & Parts or call 1-877-973-3486 Ext. 2572

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PRE-NOTIFICATION REPAIR:

If you have previously paid for repairs to have your wheel studs replaced you may be entitled to recovery of those expenses. Submit a copy of all documentation supporting your claim to Autocar Trucks at the address identified in this notice in the section "Assistance".

NOTICE REGARDING LEASED VEHICLES:

If you are a Lessor of vehicles subject to this Notice, you have an obligation under Federal Law to provide a copy of this Notice to all Lessees 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 letter, the date you send this letter, and the Vehicle Identification Number(s) of the vehicle(s) that you have leased to that Lessee. 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 notification by the manufacturer of the existence of a safety-related defect or non-compliance.

OWNER RECALL RESPONSE CARD:

The enclosed "Owner Recall Response Card" identifies your vehicle. Presentation of this card to any authorized full-service Autocar truck dealer will assist in the processing of your vehicle in the shortest time possible. If you do not own, have sold or have traded the vehicle identified, please let us know by completing, and signing the postage-paid Card and returning it to Autocar LLC so we can update our records.

ASSISTANCE:

If your vehicle has not been modified within a reasonable time after delivering it to the dealer on the agreed-upon service date, please contact:

Autocar LLC
Service & Warranty Department
P.O. Box 190
Hagerstown, IN 47346-0190

or call our toll-free number: 1-877-973-3486. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S. W., Washington DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-888-327-4236.

We regret any inconvenience this recall may cause, but hope you will share in our concern for your safety and satisfaction with your vehicle.

Sincerely

AUTOCAR, LLC