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NVS-215
05V-142

Subject: REAR REFLECTOR LIGHTS/FMVSS 108

Dear MS. DALBY:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ROAD RESCUE/AMBULANCE/1978-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-142

Recall Date: April 06, 2005

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,500

Summary:

CERTAIN AMBULANCES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD (FMVSS) NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT." NO SIDE OR REAR RED REFLEX REFLECTORS WERE INSTALLED AS REQUIRED BY THE STANDARD.

Consequence:

DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AT NIGHT, WITHOUT ANY REFLECTORS, THE REAR OF THE AMBULANCE MAY NOT BE AS VISIBLE TO OTHER VEHICLES INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL THE RED REFLEX REFLECTORS TO MEET GUIDELINES. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT ROAD RESCUE AT 843-676-2900.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

This recall was the subject of an investigation, PE-108-050406, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

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 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).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division