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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S. W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6  
Autocar, LLC, Recall No. A-0602

The following information is in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

573.6(c)(1)  
Autocar, LLC

573.6(c)(2)  
Autocar WX and WXR model, heavy-duty class 8 vehicles manufactured between February 6, 2006 and March 3, 2006 and identified in the data book by sales codes (option ID) 500013, 500014, 500015 or 500032.

573.6(c)(3)  
There are 19 potentially affected vehicles, with serial numbers in the range 203014 through 203377.

573.6(c)(4)  
Less than 1% of the vehicles in the above range are expected to contain the defect.

573.6(c)(5)  
A bolt on the steering shaft may not be torqued to the correct specification. Figure 1 shows the position of the nut on the bolt in the shaft.

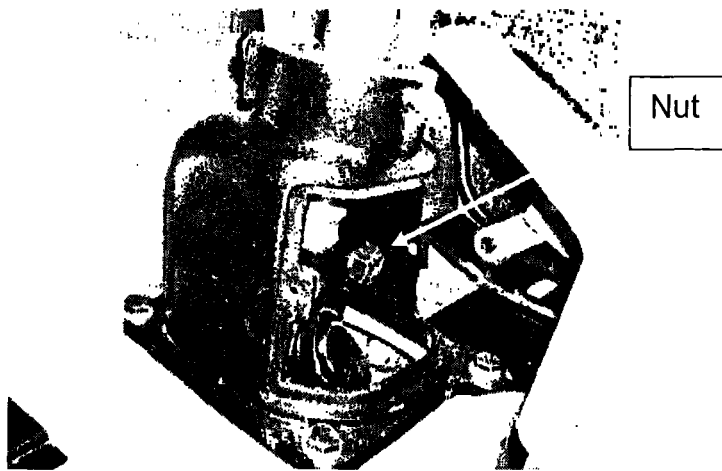


Figure 1

573.6 (c)(6)

- 3/3/06 Autocar pre-delivery inspector detected a rubbing noise in the steering column. Upon inspection he found that the nut was not torqued correctly.
- 3/3/06 Autocar implemented additional inspection and torque verification procedures on all incoming vehicles and all stock units.
- 3/4/06 Inspection of stock units completed. Four units out of a population of 247 units were found to be suspect (0.81%). The suspect units were delivered from the supplier, Able Manufacturing, Inc., within one week during February 2006.
- 3/14/06 Autocar retained a contractor to inspect and torque units for fleet customers. To date, no units owned by fleet customers have been found to be suspect.
- 3/16/06 Autocar quality team completed implementation of additional torque checks at Able.
- 3/22/06 Product Integrity Committee Meeting resulting in decision to perform a series of tests with loose bolts and a Failure Mode and Effect Analysis.
- 3/27/06 Follow-up Product Integrity Committee Meeting resulting in the conclusion that the possibility exists that due to the loose nut, the yoke bolt could slide out partially and limit the rotation on the steering shaft, which could result in a loss of steering control. Autocar will administer a recall on behalf of Able. Autocar will institute at Able additional quality inspection (preventative/corrective action request document #030706), which will include on-line sign-off and end-of-line inspection. Autocar will institute at Autocar additional pre-delivery inspection procedures as well.

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)(i)

Autocar will initiate a voluntary owner notification and recall based on the vehicle population found with the sales options described in 573.6(c)(2) above.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

4/3/06            573.6 letter to NHTSA  
4/10/06          Owner Notification Letter to Office of Defects Investigation  
4/20/06          Owner Notification Letter to affected vehicle owners

573.6(c)(9)

Not Applicable

The number which Autocar LLC, has assigned to this recall for tracking purposes is A-0602.

Very truly yours,



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