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## AUTOCAR SAFETY RECALL A-0601 NHTSA RECALL 06V042

February 2006

**Dear Autocar Truck Owner:**

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

A defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain WX, WXLL and WXR 2004 and 2005 model-year, heavy-duty Class 8 vehicles shipped between April 2004 and January 2006 with VIN range 200654 through 203388.

**SAFETY DEFECT:** Exposed 12V terminals on the battery disconnect switch are in close proximity to a hinged metal latch on the battery box lid. When latching or un-latching the battery box lid, it is possible that a person wearing metal jewelry (like a watch or finger ring) might connect the grounded, metal latch to the exposed positive terminals on the battery disconnect switch through such jewelry. See also the photos on last page of this document.

**POTENTIAL RISK:** Grounding as a result of the contact described above could produce heat and could cause burns to skin that is in contact with metal jewelry.

**PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE:** Remove all metal (electrically conductive) jewelry and clothing with metal before working on the truck.

**REPAIR:** At no charge to you regardless of your vehicle's age or mileage, an Autocar dealer will repair your vehicle.

**TIME REQUIRED FOR THE REPAIR:** The labor time required to repair your vehicle is about 0.7 hours per battery box disconnect switch modification.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:** Immediately contact an Autocar dealer to schedule a service appointment to have your vehicle repaired. To locate the closest Autocar dealer, go to [www.autocartruck.com](http://www.autocartruck.com) and select Sales, Service & Parts, or call 1-877-973-3486 Ext. 2572.



**PRE-  
NOTIFICATION  
REPAIR:**

If you have previously paid for repairs to your battery box disconnect switch, you may be entitled to recover of the amount you paid for those repairs. Submit a copy of all documentation supporting your claim to Autocar at the address set forth below in the "Assistance" section.

**NOTICE  
REGARDING  
LEASED  
VEHICLES:**

If you are a Lessor (as defined below) of a vehicle that is affected by this Notice, you are obligated under federal law to provide a copy of this Notice to the lessee of such vehicle 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 Notice, the date you send the Notice, and the VIN(s) of the vehicle(s) that you have leased to the lessee(s).

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 this Notice.

**OWNER RECALL  
RESPONSE  
CARD:**

The enclosed "Owner Recall Response Card" identifies your vehicle. Presentation of this card to any Authorized Full-Service or Parts and Service Autocar 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 on the card, please let us know by completing and signing the postage-paid card and returning it to Autocar at the address below.

**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, 877-973-3486.

You may also submit a complaint to:

Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street S. W.  
Washington DC 20590

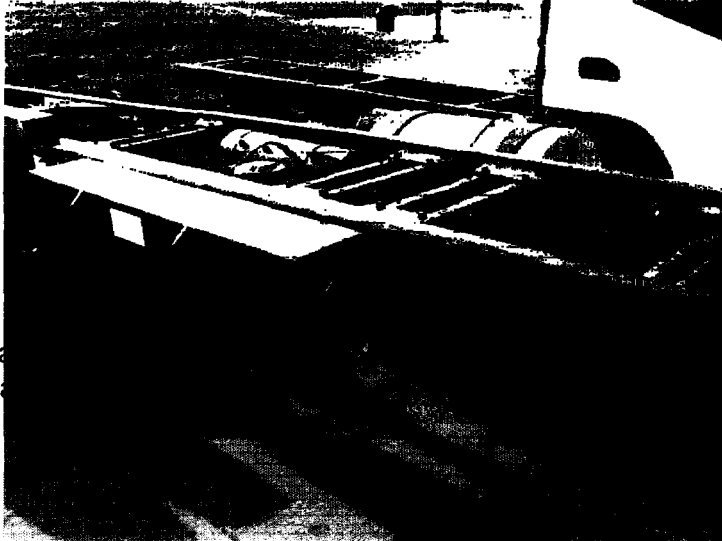
Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot Line at 888-327-4236;

Or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153);

Or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>."



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

Sincerely,

**AUTOCAR, LLC**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Theart".

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