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NVS-215dgl
07V-231

Subject: SEAT ANCHORAGE SYSTEM TETHERS/FMVSS NO. 207/209

Dear MR. PFANNENSTIEL:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. 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:
OTTAWA/TERMINAL TRACTOR /2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-231

Mfg's Report Date: May 15, 2007

Components: SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 59

Summary:

CERTAIN 4X2 AND 6X4 TERMINAL TRACTORS EQUIPPED WITH SEAT ANCHORAGE SYSTEM TETHERS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 207, "SEATING SYSTEMS" AND NO. 209, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLIES." THE TETHER THAT ANCHORS THE SEAT AT THE SEAT BELT ATTACHMENT POINT TO THE FLOOR OF THE CAB HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY OUR SUPPLIER TO HAVE NOT MET THE PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS NORMALLY PROVIDED ON THE ADJUSTER MECHANISM.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH AND THE TETHER IS NOT ADJUSTED CORRECTLY, THE SEAT AND SEAT BELT MAY NOT BE SECURED ALLOWING THE PASSENGER TO BE THROWN FORWARD, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURIES.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL THE NEW TETHER STRAP FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KALMAR-OTTAWA AT 785-229-6327.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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).

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 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@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@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
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement