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Recall A-0704: Incorrect GVWR labeling

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6
Autocar, LLC, Recall No. A-0704

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 ("Autocar").

573.6(c)(2)

Autocar has decided that a defect which relates to compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (Title 49, Part § 568.4 - requirements for incomplete vehicle manufacturers) exists in certain WX, WXR and WXLL 2007 and 2008 model-year, heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built between 13 July 2007 and 28 September 2007, with serial numbers in the range 205677 through 206322.

573.6(c)(3)

75 vehicles are affected.

573.6(c)(4)

100 percent of the 75 vehicles are affected.

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573.6(c)(5)

Autocar has decided that the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) label, as applied to affected trucks, may not be accurate. The GVWR label may indicate that the vehicle's load capacity is higher than the designed weight rating. Due to the error in GVWR labeling, it is possible that a vehicle could be overloaded without the vehicle operator's knowledge. A vehicle in an overloaded condition may be susceptible to component failure that may result in loss of vehicle control, increasing the possibility of a crash. There have been no reports of injuries related to this issue.

573.6 (c)(6)

09/28/07 Received notification from the final stage manufacturer of a discrepancy between vehicle configuration (GVWR) and the GVWR indicated by Autocar for the incomplete vehicle.
10/25/07 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.

573.6(c)(7)

The gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) labels are generated by proprietary software that extracts axle weight ratings from Autocar's sales configuration database. Throughout the month of October 2007, Autocar's Information Technology department manually calculated the GVWR of several trucks and compared it against the GVWR which was generated by the Autocar proprietary software. A discrepancy was found to exist between the weight rating on the GVWR label and the manually calculated weight rating, indicating the existence of a noncompliance.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

Autocar will initiate a voluntary owner notification and recall on the 75 affected vehicles.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

11/01/07 573.6 letter to NHTSA.
11/15/07 Owner Notification Letter to NHTSA for approval.
11/26/07 Dealer Recall Bulletin distributed to dealers and service centers.
11/29/07 Owner Notification Letter distributed to vehicle owners.

573.6(c)(9)

Not Applicable.

The number which Autocar has assigned to this recall for tracking purposes is A-0704.

Respectfully,

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