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Associate Administrator for Enforcement (NVS-211)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington DC, 20590

In accordance with 49 CFR 579.5, please find the enclosed defect related service bulletins, product updates, or other defect related correspondence to our dealers or customers for Pierce Manufacturing Inc. for the month of: **December 2007.**

1. Update to 74B165 Front Suspension Recall 07V-170 and Cablift Retention Plate 74B160

This memo describes updates to the Arrow XT bolts and 77" Dash/Enforcer retention plate for the retention plate campaign. The memo also includes the Front Suspension Recall Upgrade Bulletin for the increase in Pitman arm retainer nut torque.

2. Front Suspension Upgrade Bulletin

This memo describes an increase in torque for the Pitman arm retainer nut in the Front Suspension Recall.

3. Open Field Upgrades as of December 04, 2007

This memo informs the dealer network of the open field upgrades status.

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Front Suspension Upgrade Bulletin

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Pitman Arm Retaining Nut Torque

Engineering has recently learned the *forged Pitman arm* torque range is 550 – 600 ft-lb. Armed with this new information it was decided to increase the Pitman arm retaining nut torque to account for possible 4:1 multiplier tolerances.

If you are tightening from the top side of the 4:1 multiplier, the torque wrench should be set to **143 ft-lb**.

If you are tightening from the bottom side of the 4:1 multiplier, using the swivel joint and the 15" extension, the torque wrench should be set to **148 ft-lb**.

