



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

January 31, 2008

MR. MIKE KOENIG
COMPLIANCE
AUTOCAR, LLC
PO BOX 190
HAGERSTOWN, IN 47346

NVS-215paw
08V-024

Subject: STEERING SHAFT LENGTH

Dear MR. KOENIG:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:
AUTOCAR/WX/2007-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-024

Mfg's Report Date: January 11, 2008

Components: STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 28

Summary:

CERTAIN VEHICLES WERE BUILT WITH A TELESCOPING STEERING SHAFT BETWEEN THE IN-CAB STEERING COMPONENTS AND THE POWER STEERING GEAR BOX, LOCATED ON THE VEHICLE'S FRAME. THE STEERING SHAFT HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE TOO LONG.

Consequence:

THE ADDITIONAL LENGTH IN THE STEERING SHAFT RESULTS IN THE NEED FOR INCREASED STEERING EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE VEHICLE'S DRIVER. THE DRIVER MAY NOT BE PREPARED FOR SUCH NEED, WHICH COULD RESULT IN AN UNPREDICTABLE REACTION BY THE DRIVER, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

AUTOCAR WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHEDULING THE REPAIR OF THESE VEHICLES AT AN AUTHORIZED AUTOCAR SERVICE FACILITY FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AUTOCAR AT 1-765-489-6024.

Notes:

AUTOCAR RECALL NO. A-0801. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement