



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

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NVS-215dgl
08V-073

Subject: FUEL LINE BRACKET/CUMMINS

Dear MR.MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Eldorado National - California'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:

ELDORADO/AXESS/2004-2007
ELDORADO/E-Z RIDER II/2004-2007
ELDORADO/TRANSMARK RE/2004-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-073

Mfg's Report Date: February 8, 2008

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 106

Summary:

ELDORADO NATIONAL - CALIFORNIA (ENC) IS RECALLING 4 MY 2004-2007 AXESS, E-Z RIDER II AND TRANSMARK RE REAR ENGINE BUSES BUILT WITH CUMMINS ISL AND ISC DIESEL ENGINES AND EQUIPPED WITH THE CM850 FUEL SYSTEM. THE ENGINE HIGH PRESSURE FUEL LINES FROM THE ENGINE HIGH PRESSURE PUMP TO THE ENGINE FUEL RAIL ARE PRONE TO FAILURE. THE FUEL LINE FAILURES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE CAUSED BY PROLONGED VIBRATION. FAILURE TYPICALLY OCCURS AT OR UNDER THE FUEL LINE FITTING ATTACHMENTS. FAILURE OF THE FUEL LINE INTRODUCES HIGH PRESSURE ATOMIZED DIESEL FUEL INTO THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

Consequence:

FUEL INTO THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT CREATES A RISK OF FIRE DUE TO POSSIBLE IGNITION WHEN THE FUEL VAPOR COMES IN CONTACT WITH HOT SURFACES.

Remedy:

ENC WILL WORK WITH CUMMINS TO INSTALL A SUPPORT BRACKET ON THE HIGH PRESSURE FUEL LINES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ENC AT 909-591-9557.

Notes:

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).

This recall was the subject of an equipment query, EQ08-001, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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

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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement