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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
08V-598

SUBJECT: REAR DISC BRAKE/ARVINMERITOR/HENDRICKSON FIREMAAX

DEAR MR. LACKORE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Pierce Manufacturing Inc.'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:

PIERCE/DASH/2007-2008
PIERCE/ENFORCER/2007-2008
PIERCE/IMPEL/2007-2008
PIERCE/QUANTUM/2007-2008
PIERCE/VELOCITY/2007-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-598

Mfg's Report Date: November 10, 2008

Components: SERVICE BRAKES: AIR: DISC: CALIPER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 15

Summary:

PIERCE IS RECALLING 15 MY 2007-2008 DASH, ENFORCER, IMPEL, QUANTUM AND VELOCITY FIRE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR REAR DISC BRAKES AND HENDRICKSON FIREMAAX SUSPENSION. INTERFERENCE WITH THE BRAKE CALIPER ADJUSTER BOLT SLEEVE AND THE SUSPENSION BEAM MAY OCCUR. THIS INTERFERENCE MAY OCCUR IF THE RIGHT HAND AND LEFT HAND BRAKE COMPONENTS WERE ASSEMBLED ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE AXLE. THE ADJUSTER BOLT IS DESIGNED TO ROTATE AS THE BRAKE PADS WEAR. IF THE SLEEVE BECOMES DAMAGED, THE SLEEVE MAY PREVENT THE ADJUSTER FROM ROTATING.

Consequence:

IF THE ADJUSTER CAN NOT ROTATE, BRAKE PERFORMANCE MAY BE COMPROMISED AND A CRASH MAY OCCUR.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL ADJUST THE BOLT SLEEVE AND THE PROPER COMPONENTS FREE OF CHARGE. ALL OWNERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

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).

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

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,

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