



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

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NVS-215paw
08V-612

SUBJECT: FMVSS 121/BRAKE TIMING

DEAR MS. ARORA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems," 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/ACX/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-612

Mfg's Report Date: November 17, 2008

Components: SERVICE BRAKES: AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 103

Summary:

AUTOCAR IS RECALLING 103 MY 2008-2009 ACX HEAVY-DUTY CLASS 8 VEHICLES WITH RIGHT-HAND DRIVE. THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 121, 'AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS.' THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS TIMING SPECIFICATIONS ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARD.

Consequence:

THIS STANDARD SPECIFIES PERFORMANCE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING AIR-OVER-HYDRAULIC BRAKE SYSTEMS, TO ENSURE SAFE BRAKING PERFORMANCE UNDER NORMAL AND EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

Remedy:

AUTOCAR WILL REPAIR THESE VEHICLES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 11, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AUTOCAR AT 1-765-489-5499.

Notes:

AUTOCAR RECALL NO. A-0806. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance 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).

Autocar must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

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", written in a cursive style.

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