



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

July 20, 2009

MR. MICHAEL BOWDEN  
PRESIDENT  
IMPORT PRODUCTS CO., INC  
55 SCOTLAND BOULEVARD  
BRIDGEWATER ,MA 02324

NVS-215kjs  
09E-043

Subject: AFTERMARKET FUEL FILTER LEAKS

Dear MR. BOWDEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Import Products Co., Inc.'s (IPC) 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 Federal laws.

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:**

AFFINA/CARQUEST/9999  
AFFINA/NAPA/9999  
AFFINA/WIX/9999  
CHRYSLER/CIRRUS/1998-2000  
CHRYSLER/SEBRING/1999-2000  
DODGE/STRATUS/1998-2000  
PLYMOUTH/BREEZE/1998-2000  
WIX/88-97291/9999

**Mfg's Report Date:** July 6, 2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 09E-043    **Components:** EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 30,351

**Summary:**

IMPORT PRODUCTS COMPANY IS RECALLING 30,351 FUEL FILTERS SOLD TO AND BRANDED BY THE AFFINA GROUP AS CARQUEST P/N 86523, NAPA P/N 3523, AND WIX P/N 33523 FOR USE AS REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT ON THE VEHICLES LISTED ABOVE. THESE FILTERS MAY DEVELOP A LEAK IN THE HOSE ASSEMBLY AND/OR CONNECTORS.

**Consequence:**

THIS CONDITION MAY RESULT IN A VEHICLE FIRE.

**Remedy:**

THE AFFINA GROUP WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE FILTERS WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WIX FILTER RETURN CENTER AT 1-704-869-7411 OR IMPORT PRODUCTS AT 1-508-279-8207.

**Notes:**

THIS RECALL ONLY PERTAINS TO AFFINA GROUP AFTERMARKET FUEL FILTERS AND HAS NO RELATION TO ANY ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON THE LISTED PASSENGER VEHICLES. OWNERS 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.

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 contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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 a long, sweeping underline.

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