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NVS-215dgl
09V-091

SUBJECT: BATTERY ISOLATOR

DEAR MR. JOHANNINGMEIER:

This letter serves to acknowledge notification by Godfrey and Kahn Attorneys at Law on behalf of your client LDV, 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:

CHEVY/C5500/2007-2009
CHEVY/W5500/2008-2009
FORD/F-650/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-091

Mfg's Report Date: March 12, 2009

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: BATTERY: CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 81

Summary:

LDV IS RECALLING 81 TRUCKS BUILT ON CHEVY AND FORD MY 2007-2009 C5500, MY 2008-2009 W5500, AND MY 2008 F-650 CHASSIS SPECIFICALLY FOR SNAP-ON TOOLS FOR USE AS A MOBILE SUPPLY COMPANY. THERE MAY BE A CABLE INSTALLED ON THE BATTERY ISOLATOR WITH THE BODY OF THE CABLE LUG FACING THE ISOLATOR. WITH ALL CABLES TIGHTENED DOWN ON THE STUD, THIS CABLE LUG MAY BE PRESSED AGAINST THE COOLING FINS OF THE ISOLATOR, WHERE CONTACT (WHICH CABLE INSULATION HAS BEEN WORN THROUGH) POSES A RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHORT WHICH COULD RESULT IN CABLES OVERHEATING.

Consequence:

THIS CONTACT POSES A RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHORT WHICH COULD RESULT IN CABLES OVERHEATING AND A FIRE COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL TAKE A TWO-STEP REMEDY. THE FIRST STEP IS TO INSPECT THE CABLE INSTALLATION TO ENSURE ALL CABLES ARE INSTALLED WITH THE LUG BODY FACING AWAY FROM THE ISOLATOR WITH NONE IN CONTACT WITH THE COOLING FINS. SECOND STEP INVOLVES ADDING A GROUNDING STRAP OR CABLE TO THE ALUMINUM BOX TO PROPERLY GROUND IT AND THE COMPONENTS MOUNTED WITHIN IT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN APRIL 15, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT LDV AT 608-257-3911.

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:

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 Delia Lopez or Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or 202-366-5227, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or Kelly.Schuler@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 be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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