



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

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NVS-215dgl
09V-107

SUBJECT: FIRE EXTINGUISHER CONTAINER

DEAR MS. ARORA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar, LLC'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 Federal law.

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: 09V-107

Mfg's Report Date: March 30, 2009

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 129

Summary:

AUTOCAR IS RECALLING 129 MY 2008-2009 ACX HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 VEHICLES. THE FASTENERS THAT SECURE THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER CONTAINER TO THE CAB MAY CHAFE AGAINST THE BODY OF THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER MOUNTED UNDER THE SEAT. PROLONGED CHAFING MAY RESULT IN A HOLE WHICH WILL CAUSE THE EXTINGUISHER TO DISCHARGE.

Consequence:

THE DISCHARGE OF THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER MAY AFFECT THE DRIVER'S ABILITY TO CONTROL THE VEHICLE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT, REPAIR AND REPLACE THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AUTOCAR AT 1-765-489-5499.

Notes:

AUTOCAR RECALL NO. A-0902. 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).

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 read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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