



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

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NVS-215kjs
09V-334

SUBJECT: SERVICE BRAKES/QUICK RELEASE VALVES

DEAR MR. JOHNSON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Labrie Environmental Group's (Labrie) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described below for which a safety recall campaign will 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:
LABRIE/EXPERT T/2008
LABRIE/TOP SELECT/2008
LEACH/2RIII/2008

Mfg's Report Date: August 17, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-334

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:QUICK RELEASE VALVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 29

Summary:

LABRIE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008 GARBAGE AND RECYCLING TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH HALDEX QUICK RELEASE VALVES (QRVS). THE RUBBER DIAPHRAGM INSIDE THE QRV MAY EXPERIENCE DELAMINATION RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF

AIR PRESSURE LEAKAGE PAST AND/OR THROUGH THE DIAPHRAGM, OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BUBBLE IN THE DIAPHRAGM WHICH MAY TRAP AIR PRESSURE IN THE VALVE AND NOT ALLOW THE SERVICE BRAKES TO RELEASE.

Consequence:

MALFUNCTION OF THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

LABRIE WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE QRVS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT LABRIEPLUS CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-877-452-2743.

Notes:

LABRIE'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER SB 09-09. 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).

This recall is the result of an investigation, EQ09-003, conducted by the Office of defects Investigation.

We have received Labrie's proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they are currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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 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, 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 a long, sweeping underline.

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