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Recall A-0901: Quick Release Valves

13 February 2009

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6
Autocar, LLC Recall No. A-0901

The following information is in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

573.6(c)(1)

Autocar, LLC ("Autocar").

573.6(c)(2): Identification of the vehicles including a description of the manufacturer's basis for its determination of the recall population

Autocar has identified a defect in 2008 and 2009 model-year ACX, WX and WXLL model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built between 11 June 2008 and 17 November 2008, with serial numbers in the range 206951 through 208933. The defect occurs in the quick release valves (QRV) of the affected vehicles. Autocar based its determination of the vehicle range on the QRV supplier's reported time line of production of the affected QRV's commencing 27 May 2008 with a Julian date code of 148 and continuing through 15 October 2008 with a production date code of 289.

573.6(c)(3): The total number of vehicles or items of equipment potentially containing the defect

690 vehicles are potentially affected.

573.6(c)(4): The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance

100% of the 690 vehicles are affected.

573.6(c)(5): A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance

Some or all of the affected QRV's leak. There are QRV's in two areas of Autocar's vehicles. The first is in the lift axle air lines. A leak in that QRV would affect the rate at which the tag/pusher axle is lowered/lifted. The second is in the park brake air lines. A leak in that QRV would release pressure on the park brake springs; if the leak is large enough, the pressure will drop and set the brakes on the rear axle. The attached drawing shows the general locations where the QRV's may be located on different Autocar model vehicles.

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573.6(c)(6) and (7): A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety

13 NOV 2008 Supplier requested customer containment as a precautionary measure until Supplier completed investigation of the issue.

14 NOV 2008 - Autocar immediately implemented the containment and replaced all
11 FEB 2009 affected QRVs in Autocar's plant.

11 FEB 2009 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.

573.6(c)(8)(i): A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance

Autocar will voluntarily initiate an owner notification and recall of all affected vehicles. Autocar will distribute to owners of affected vehicles an Owner Notification Letter which will describe the defect and provide instructions for scheduling repair of the vehicle at an authorized Autocar service facility, at no cost to the vehicle's owner.

573.6(c)(8)(ii): The estimated date(s) on which it will begin sending notifications to owners, and to dealers and distributors

11 FEB 2009 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.

13 FEB 2009 573.6 letter to be sent to NHTSA.

02 MAR 2009 Owner notification letter to be sent to NHTSA for approval.

10 MAR 2009 Dealer repair bulletin to be sent to Autocar dealers and fleet owners.

11 MAR 2009 Owner notification letter and recall response card to be sent to vehicle owners.

573.6(c)(9):

Not Applicable.

573.6(c)(11): The manufacturer's campaign number, if not identical to the identification number assigned by NHTSA

Autocar's campaign number assigned to this recall is A-0901.

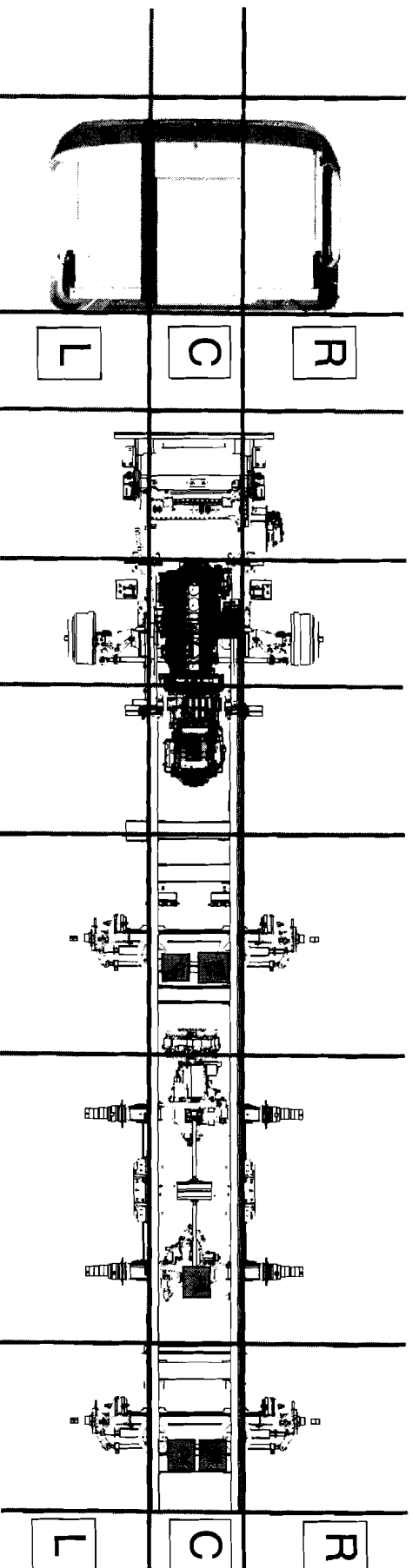
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Locations of Autocar QRV

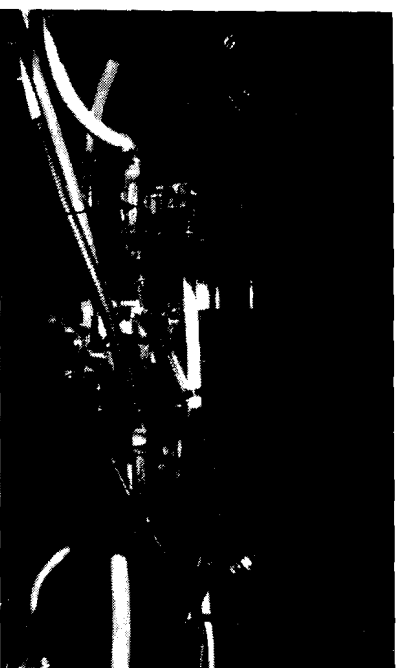
Truck with typical single rear axle	Number of QRV's
Truck with typical tandem rear axles	0
Truck with tandem rear + tag or Pusher	1
Truck with tandem rear + Tag + Pusher Axles	3
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#3 Picture for Pusher (auxiliary) axles - looks like the #2 only on a cross member near the pusher axle



#1 Picture for typical tandem rear axles



#2 picture for Tag (auxiliary) axles - Location may vary a little due to options