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Recall A-0901: Quick Release Valves

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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
NHTSA Recall No. 09V-060
Update and Notice of Delay of Owner Notification

The following is an update to information provided previously in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety. The distribution of the owner notification letter has been delayed due to unforeseen delays in the completion and internal approval of the repair documentation. In addition, we have revised the description of the defect as set forth below.

573.6(c)(1)
Autocar, LLC ("Autocar").

573.6(c)(2):
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):
690 vehicles are potentially affected.

573.6(c)(4):
100% of the 690 vehicles are affected.

573.6(c)(5):
There are QRV's in two areas of Autocar's vehicles (the attached drawing shows the general locations where the QRV's may be located on different Autocar model vehicles):

1. Tag Axle Air Lines QRV: A leak in the QRV of the tag axle air lines would release pressure on the tag axle lift mechanism. A minor or slow leak may affect the rate at

which the tag axle is lowered or raised. A spontaneous catastrophic failure of the QRV would result in a rapid drop of a raised tag axle, potentially causing serious injury or death to a person working under or near the axle who failed to take proper safety precautions prior to working under or near the truck.

2. Park Brake Air Lines QRV: A leak in the QRV of the park brake air lines would release pressure on the park brake springs, which may, if the leak is large enough, cause the pressure to drop and set the brakes on the rear axle or axles, potentially resulting in the loss of vehicle control.

573.6(c)(6) and (7):

- 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):

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):

- 11 FEB 2009 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.
- 13 FEB 2009 Original 573.6 letter sent to NHTSA.
- 02 MAR 2009 Owner notification letter sent to NHTSA for approval.
- 03 APR 2009 Dealer repair bulletin to be sent to Autocar dealers and fleet owners.
- 06 APR 2009 Owner notification letter and recall response card to be sent to vehicle owners.

573.6(c)(9):

Not Applicable.

573.6(c)(11):

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

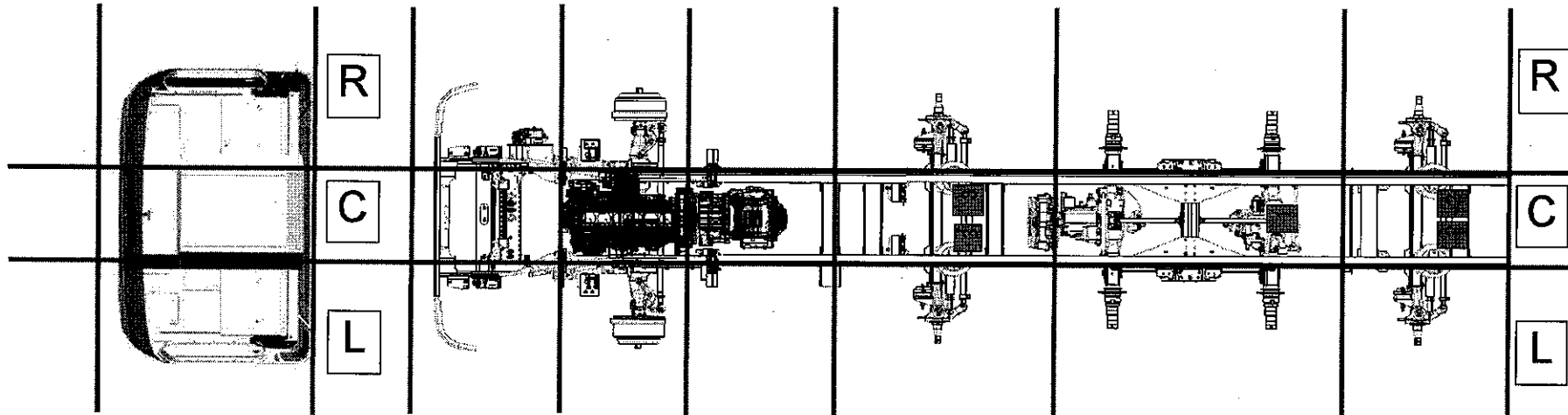
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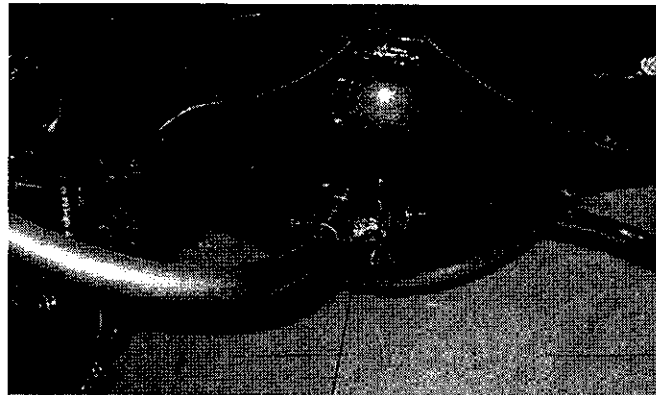
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Locations of Autocar QRV

	Number of QRV's
Truck with typical single rear axle	0
Truck with typical tandem rear axles	1
Truck with tandem rear + tag or Pusher	3
Truck with tandem rear + Tag + Pusher Axles	5



#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

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