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Recall A-0902: Fire Extinguisher Container

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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-0902

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.

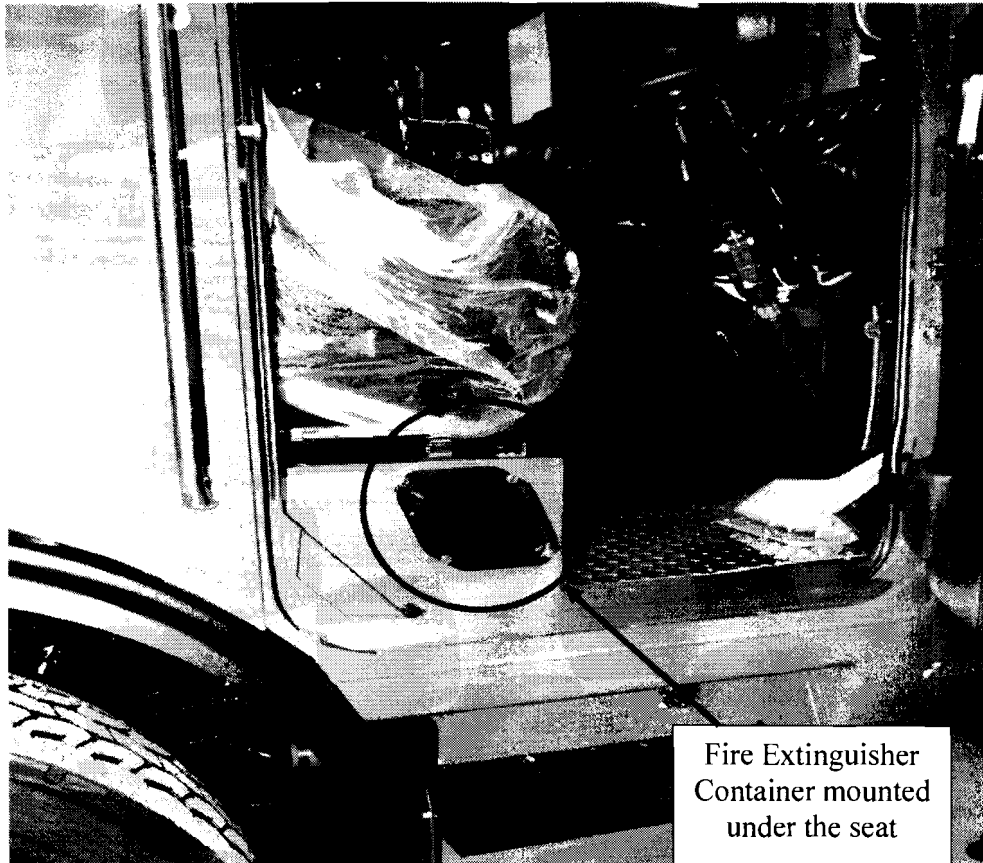
573.6(c)(1)
Autocar, LLC ("Autocar").

573.6(c)(2):
Autocar has identified a defect in 2008 and 2009 model-year ACX model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built between 29 August 2008 and 16 March 2009, with serial numbers in the range 208128 through 209471. The defect has occurred in the containers that enclose the fire extinguishers of the affected vehicles

573.6(c)(3):
129 vehicles are affected.

573.6(c)(4):
90% of the 129 vehicles are affected.

573.6(c)(5):
Fasteners that secure the fire extinguisher container to the cab may chafe against the body of the fire extinguisher mounted under the seat (see figure below). Prolonged chafing may result in a hole which will cause the extinguisher to discharge. The discharge of the fire extinguisher may affect the driver's ability to control the vehicle.



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

- 27 FEB 2009 Autocar received a complaint of scratches on a fire extinguisher in a truck in the field.
- 28 FEB 2009 - Investigation and inspection of vehicles.
22 MAR 2009
- 23 MAR 2009 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.

573.6(c)(8)(i):

Autocar will voluntarily initiate an owner notification and recall of the 129 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):

23 MAR 2009	Autocar decided to initiate a recall.
30 MAR 2009	573.6 letter to be sent to NHTSA.
20 APR 2009	Owner notification letter sent to be sent to NHTSA for approval.
29 APR 2009	Dealer repair bulletin to be sent to Autocar dealers and fleet owners.
30 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-0902.

Respectfully,



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