
TO: «DEALER»
FROM: Doug Shadick – Customer Service: Field Upgrades and Recalls
DATE: July 2009
SUBJECT: Recall Notice: **09V-238 Dual SCBA Cylinder Compartment Door**



VEHICLE SAFETY DEALER NOTIFICATION - IMPORTANT

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended, provides that each vehicle which is subject to a recall campaign of this type must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the owner has tendered it for repair. Failure to repair within sixty (60) days after tender of a vehicle is prima facie evidence of failure to repair within a reasonable time.

If the condition is not adequately repaired within a reasonable time, the owner may be entitled to an identical or reasonable equivalent vehicle at no charge or to a refund of the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for depreciation.

To avoid having to provide these burdensome solutions, every effort must be made to promptly schedule an appointment with each owner and to repair their vehicle as soon as possible. As you will see in reading the attached copy of the letter that is being sent to owners, the owners are being instructed to contact Pierce customer service if their dealer does not remedy the condition within three (3) days of the mutually agreed upon service date. If the condition is not remedied within a reasonable time, they are instructed on how to contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE INVOLVED

Pierce has determined that a defect exists, which relates to motor vehicle safety, in certain Model Year 2003 – 2009 custom fire apparatus bodies with SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) dual cylinder compartment door(s).

The SCBA dual compartment door latch orientation may have been manufactured incorrectly, allowing the door to accidentally “pop” open while the vehicle is in motion. The door may “pop” open without warning and without knowledge to the driver. If the door opens, the SCBA cylinders may fall out of the compartment and onto the roadway.

The remedy will involve adding a reinforcement plate and replacing the latch pawl on each dual SCBA compartment door.

VEHICLES INVOLVED

The vehicles involved were built between December 10, 2003 and March 9, 2009.

Involved vehicles have been identified by Pierce job numbers and are listed on the attached report. Computer listings contain the complete job number, owner name and address data. Owner name and address data will enable dealers to follow up with owners involved in this campaign.

DEALER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the dealer's responsibility to contact the fire departments on the attached list and to support service for this remedy. Make sure the customer is aware the remedy will be performed without charge. **If repair has been completed prior to this notification, please contact the fire department to prevent confusion.**

REMEDY SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

Service instructions are available at pierceparts.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Shadick".

Doug Shadick
Customer Service: Field Upgrades and Recalls