

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE



AUTOCAR SAFETY RECALL A-0901 NHTSA RECALL 09V- 060

March 2009

Dear Autocar Truck Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Autocar, LLC has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in a total of 690 model-year 2008 and 2009 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.

MODELS

Autocar ACX, WX and WXLL 2008 and 2009

AFFECTED:

COMPONENTS

Quick Release Valves (QRV) (Autocar Part number 72901-0016)

AFFECTED:

SAFETY DEFECT:

The defect occurs in the QRV's of the affected vehicles. Some or all of the QRV's leak. 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.

POTENTIAL RISK:

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.

PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE:

During routine maintenance, release the parking brakes (push in the dash control valve) and then inspect the QRV valves for leakage (audible) out of the exhaust ports.

CAUTION: FOLLOW LOCKOUT / TAGOUT PROCEDURES

Before entering the vehicle or vehicle body, read and follow OSHA regulations concerning entry and working in "CONFINED SPACE" OSHA 1910.146 and "LOCKOUT/TAGOUT" OSHA 1910.147. Follow OSHA regulations while performing any work on the vehicle. The vehicle must be disabled by the following steps before performing any work on the vehicle:

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1. Place the transmission in NEUTRAL.
2. Set the parking brake.
3. Shut the engine OFF.
4. Lock the cab doors. Keep the key in your pocket. Block the wheels before entering the body or performing any work on the vehicle.
5. Turn the battery disconnect switch OFF.
6. Completely drain the air from the primary/A system and secondary/B system by opening the drain valves on the air tanks themselves or by using the drain manifold if supplied. When draining the air tanks, do not look into the area where air is draining. Dirt or sludge particles may be expelled in the air stream and can cause eye injury.
7. Place magnetic "DANGER" signs on both cab doors before entering the body or performing any work on the vehicle.
8. Take proper precautions before working under the vehicle. Use ramps approved for the weight of your vehicle, or use floor jacks and stands. Never work under a vehicle supported by jacks alone. Always use jack stands to support the vehicle.

REPAIR REQUIRED:

At no charge to you regardless of your truck's age or mileage, Autocar will replace the affected the QRV's.

**TIME REQUIRED
FOR THE REPAIR:**

The labor time required to repair your truck is about 0.5 hours.

**WHAT YOU
SHOULD DO:**

Contact an Autocar dealer to schedule a service appointment to have your vehicle checked. For further assistance, call Autocar at 877-973-3486 or 888-218-3611.

PRIOR REPAIRS:

If you have previously paid for repairs relating to the leaking QRV's, you may be entitled to recover of the amount you paid for those repairs. Submit a copy of all documentation supporting your claim to Autocar at the address set forth below in the "Assistance" section.

**NOTICE
REGARDING
LEASED VEHICLES:**

If you are a Lessor (as defined below) of a vehicle that is affected by this Notice, you are obligated under federal law to provide a copy of this Notice to the lessee of such vehicle within 10 days of your receipt of this Notice. Further, you must maintain a record, which identifies the lessee(s) to whom you send a copy of this Notice, the date you send the Notice and the VIN of the vehicle that you have leased to the lessee(s).

For purposes of this Notice, the term "Lessor" means a person or entity that is the owner, as reflected on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles (as defined in 49 CFR Section 577.4), as of the date of this Notice.

**OWNER RECALL
RESPONSE CARD:**

The enclosed Owner Recall Response Card identifies your truck. Please complete this postage-paid card and return it to Autocar. If you do not own, have sold or have traded the vehicle identified on the card, please indicate that on the postage-paid card and return it to Autocar.

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ASSISTANCE:

If you need assistance with this recall, call our toll-free numbers below or write to Autocar at:

Autocar, LLC
Service & Warranty Department
P. O. Box 190
Hagerstown, IN 47346-0190
888-218-3611 (Toll Free)
877-973-3486 (Toll Free)

You may also submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 800-424-9153);
or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

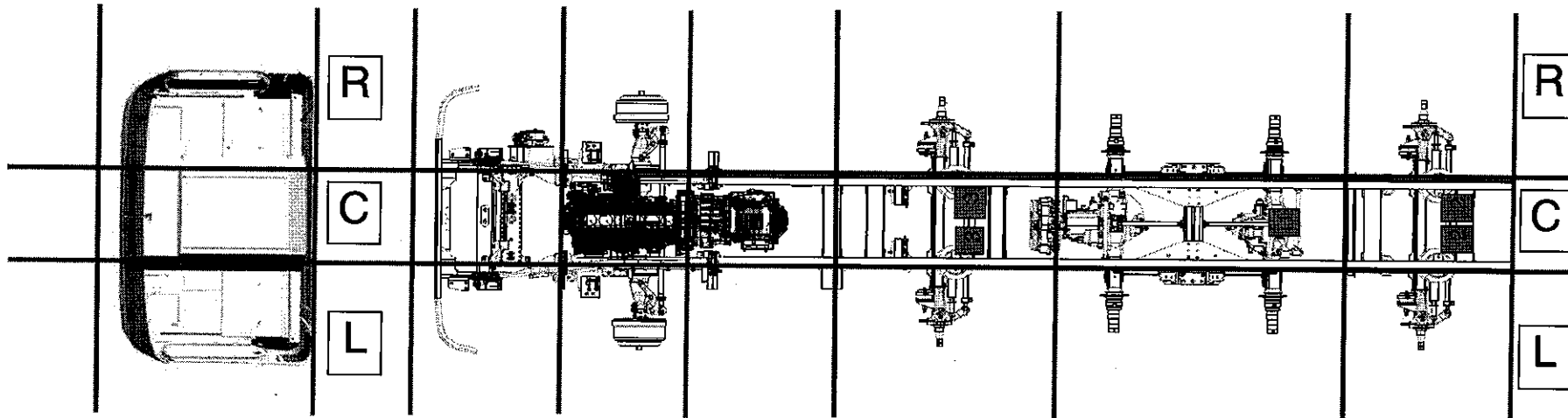
We regret any inconvenience this recall may cause, but we hope you recognize Autocar's concern for your safety and satisfaction with your truck.

Sincerely,

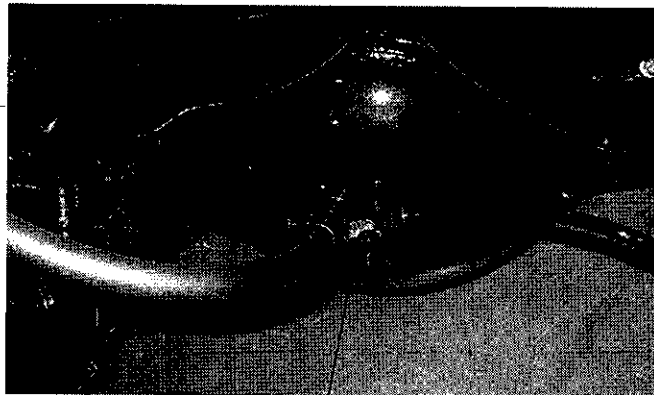
AUTOCAR, LLC

Locations of Autocar QRV

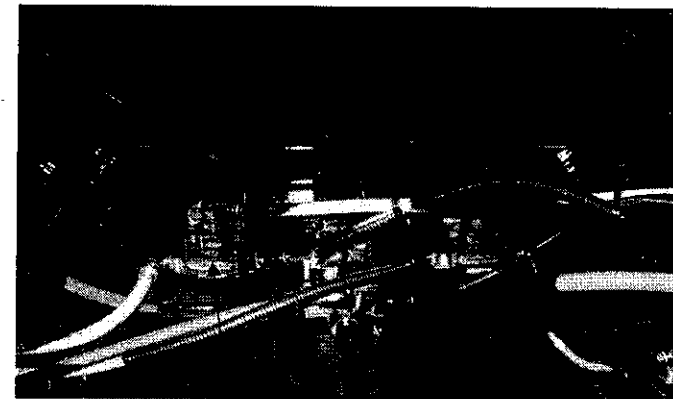
	Number of QRV's
Truck with typical single rear axle	0
Truck with typical tandem rear axles	1
Truck with tandem rear + tag or Pusher	3
Truck with tandem rear + Tag + Pusher Axles	5



#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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