



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. CHRIS BROWN
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RIDE CONTROL LLC
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NVS-215kjs
10E-002

Subject: AFTERMARKET FRONT STRUT MOUNTS

Dear MR. BROWN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ride Control, LLC's (Ride Control) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the equipment listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

Mfg's Report Date: February 2, 2010

ARVINMERITOR/142193/9999
ARVINMERITOR/142303/9999
ARVINMERITOR/142305/9999
ARVINMERITOR/142435/9999
RIDE CONTROL/142193/9999
RIDE CONTROL/142303/9999
RIDE CONTROL/142305/9999
RIDE CONTROL/142435/9999
CHEVROLET/PRIZM/1998-2002
GEO/PRIZM/1989-1997
LEXUS/ES250/1990-1991
NISSAN/ALTIMA/1993-1999
TOYOTA/CELICA/1986-1993
TOYOTA/COROLLA/1988-1997
TOYOTA/COROLLA/2000-2002

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10E-002

Components: SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12,657

Summary:

RIDE CONTROL IS RECALLING CERTAIN FRONT STRUT MOUNTS BRANDED AS GABRIEL RIDE CONTROL OR ARVINMERITOR, P/NOS. 142435, 142193, 142305, 142303, SOLD AS REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT FOR THE VEHICLES LISTED ABOVE. THE AFFECTED FRONT STRUT MOUNTS DID NOT CONTAIN A WELD JOINT BETWEEN THE BEARING HOUSING AND THE RATE PLATE.

Consequence:

THE ABSENCE OF THE WELD CAN ALLOW THE STRUT TO COME OUT OF ITS MOUNTING POSITION UNDER CERTAIN EXTREME DRIVING CONDITIONS WHICH COULD CAUSE DAMAGE TO SURROUNDING VEHICLE COMPONENTS INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

RIDE CONTROL WILL NOTIFY OWNERS OF RECORD AND REPLACE THE AFFECTED PARTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT RIDE CONTROL AT 1-248-458-1396.

Notes:

THIS RECALL ONLY PERTAINS TO AFTERMARKET GABRIEL RIDE CONTROL OR ARVINMERITOR FRONT STRUT MOUNTS AND HAS NO RELATION TO ANY ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BY GENERAL MOTORS, NISSAN, OR TOYOTA. OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Ride Control must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

cc: Steven E. Sealander
Selander Law Office, PLLC