



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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KANUPRIYA ARORA
COMPLIANCE
AUTOCAR, LLC
551 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
HAGERSTOWN IN 47346

NVS-215dgl
10V-046

SUBJECT: STEERING GEAR BRACKET

DEAR MR. ARORA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:
AUTOCAR/ACX/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-046

Mfg's Report Date: February 3, 2010

Components: STEERING: GEAR BOX: SHAFT SECTOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1879

Summary:

AUTOCAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2009 ACX HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 VEHICLES. THE AFFECTED VEHICLES MAY EXPERIENCE A FATIGUE FAILURE OF THE STEERING GEAR MOUNTING BRACKET. OVER TIME, THIS FAILURE MAY CAUSE CRACKS THAT WILL RESULT IN UNDESIRABLE MOVEMENT OF THE STEERING GEAR MOUNTED TO THAT BRACKET.

Consequence:

THIS MAY AFFECT THE CONTROL OF THE TRUCK, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

AUTOCAR HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MARCH 2, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AUTOCAR AT 1-765-489-5499.

Notes:

AUTOCAR RECALL NO. A-1002. CUSTOMERS 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.

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. Also, 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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