



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

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NVS-215dgl
10V-076

SUBJECT: REAR HINGE ASSEMBLY

DEAR MR. PATURALSKI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Heil Environmental's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will 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:

HEIL/CP PYTHON/2006-2009

HEIL/RAPID RAIL/2006-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-076

Mfg's Report Date: February 15, 2010

Components: EQUIPMENT MECHANICAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 518

Summary:

HEIL IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2006-2009 RAPID RAIL AND CP PYTHON BODIES GARBAGE TRUCKS WITH BOLT-ON REAR HINGE ASSEMBLIES. AFFECTED BODIES ARE THOSE WHICH HAVE A BOLT ON REAR HINGE ASSEMBLY BUT DO NOT HAVE STRUCTURAL GUSSETS TO REINFORCE THE Z-PLATE. CRACKING CAN OCCUR IN THE Z-PLATE AREA AND A FAILURE CAN RESULT WHEN THE BODY IS IN THE RAISED POSITION DURING WASTE UNLOADING PROCEDURES.

Consequence:

THE BODY CAN BECOME UNSTABLE WHEN RAISED DURING DUMPING OPERATIONS AND CAUSE THE TRUCK TO ROLL OVER ON ITS SIDE INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURIES.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND INSTALL THE BOLT ON HINGE KIT FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HEIL AT 866-275-4345.

Notes:

HEIL'S RECALL NO. 227. CUSTOMERS MAY 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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

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

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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after 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 toward a 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