



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

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NVS-215kjs  
10V-425

SUBJECT: BATTERY SWITCH

DEAR MR. LACKORE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Pierce Manufacturing, Inc's (Pierce) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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:**

PIERCE/CUSTOM CONTENDER/2010  
PIERCE/SABER/2010

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-425    **Mfg's Report Date:** September 20, 2010

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 55

**Summary:**

PIERCE IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 SABER AND CUSTOM CONTENDER FIRE APPARATUS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 25, 2010, THROUGH JUNE 22, 2010. THE BATTERY SWITCH POSITIVE ELECTRICAL POST MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH THE DRIVER SEAT BASE REINFORCEMENT.

**Consequence:**

IF THIS HAPPENS, A SHORT CIRCUIT MAY DEVELOP AND A VEHICLE FIRE MAY RESULT.

**Remedy:**

PIERCE WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE VEHICLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PIERCE AT 1-920-832-3000.

**Notes:**

PIERCE'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 74B204. 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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. 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 Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement