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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
10V-511

SUBJECT: MISSING SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY

DEAR MR. WILKEY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Medtec Ambulance Corporation's (Medtec) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection," for which a safety recall campaign 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:
MEDTEC/TYPE II (VAN)/2007-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-511 **Mfg's Report Date:** October 14, 2010

Components: SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 198

Summary:
MEDTEC IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007 THROUGH 2010 AMBULANCES MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2007, THROUGH APRIL 15, 2010. THE REAR FACING AMBULANCE ATTENDANT SEAT WAS NOT EQUIPPED WITH A TYPE 2 SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY, AND SO THE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 208, "OCCUPANT CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:

USE OF AN IMPROPER SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE SEAT OCCUPANT IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

MEDTEC WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A TYPE 2 SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MEDTEC TOLL-FREE AT 1-866-263-3832.

Notes:

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577. A statement of the consequence as it relates to motor vehicle safety must be added.

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 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 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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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