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Recall A-1001: WX and WXR Front Frame Rail Extension Reinforcement

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6
Autocar, LLC, Recall No. A-1001

The following information is provided in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety:

573.6(c)(1):

Autocar, LLC ("Autocar").

573.6(c)(2):

Autocar has identified a defect in 2007, 2008 and 2009 model-year WX and WXR model heavy-duty class 8 LCOE vehicles built between October 30, 2006 and October 16, 2009, with serial numbers ranging from 204528 through 209918.

573.6(c)(3):

1969 vehicles.

573.6(c)(4):

100% of the 1969 vehicles may contain the defect.

573.6(c)(5):

The affected vehicles may develop cracks in the top flange of the front frame rail extension. Over time, the crack may propagate across the extension bracket, potentially causing the extension bracket to deform under load. This may compromise the control of the vehicle, increasing the likelihood of a crash. (See photograph below.)



573.6(c)(6):

31 JUL 2009	Autocar found the issue during a routine customer vehicle quality audit.
01 AUG 2009 - 26 JAN 2010	Investigation and inspection of vehicles.
27 JAN 2010	Autocar decided to initiate a recall.

573.6(c)(7):

Not applicable.

573.6(c)(8)(i):

Autocar will voluntarily initiate an owner notification and recall of all affected vehicles. Autocar will distribute to owners of affected vehicles an Owner Notification Letter which will describe the defect and provide instructions for scheduling repair of the vehicle at an authorized Autocar service facility, at no cost to the vehicle's owner.

573.6(c)(8)(ii):

01 MAR 2010 Dealer repair bulletin to be sent to Autocar dealers and fleet owners.

02 MAR 2010 Owner Notification Letter and recall response card to be sent to vehicle owners.

573.6(c)(8)(iii), (iv):

Not applicable.

573.6(c)(9):

Not applicable.

573.6(c)(11):

Autocar's campaign number assigned to this recall is A-1001.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kanupriya Arora', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Kanupriya Arora
Compliance
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