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Recall A-1002: Steering Gear Bracket

03 February 2010

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-1002

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.

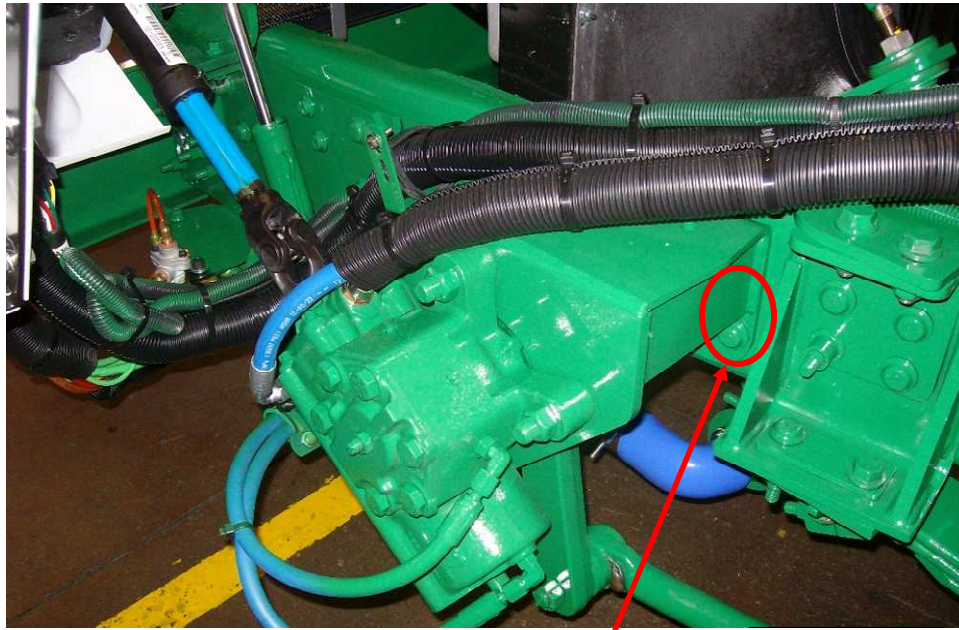
573.6(c)(1):
Autocar, LLC ("Autocar").

573.6(c)(2):
Autocar has identified a defect in 2008 and 2009 model-year ACX model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles, built between 30 November 2007 and 03 February 2010, with serial numbers in the range 206686 through 211287.

573.6(c)(3):
1879 vehicles.

573.6(c)(4):
100 % of the 1879 vehicles may contain the defect.

573.6(c)(5):
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. This may affect the control of the truck, increasing the risk of a crash (see photographs below).



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Concentration**

573.6(c)(6):

06 NOV 2009	Autocar found the issue during a routine vehicle quality audit.
07 NOV 2009 - 26 JAN 2009	Investigation and inspection of vehicles
27 JAN 2010	Autocar decided to initiate a recall.

574.6(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-1002.

Very truly yours,

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

Kanupriya Arora
Compliance
Autocar, LLC
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