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Recall A-1003: Ignition Relay

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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-1003

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 3 August 2010, with serial numbers in the range 206686 through 211834. The subject vehicles contain Bitron Ignition Relay, Autocar part number - GZ130008-001, Supplier part number -17325003001.

573.6(c)(3):

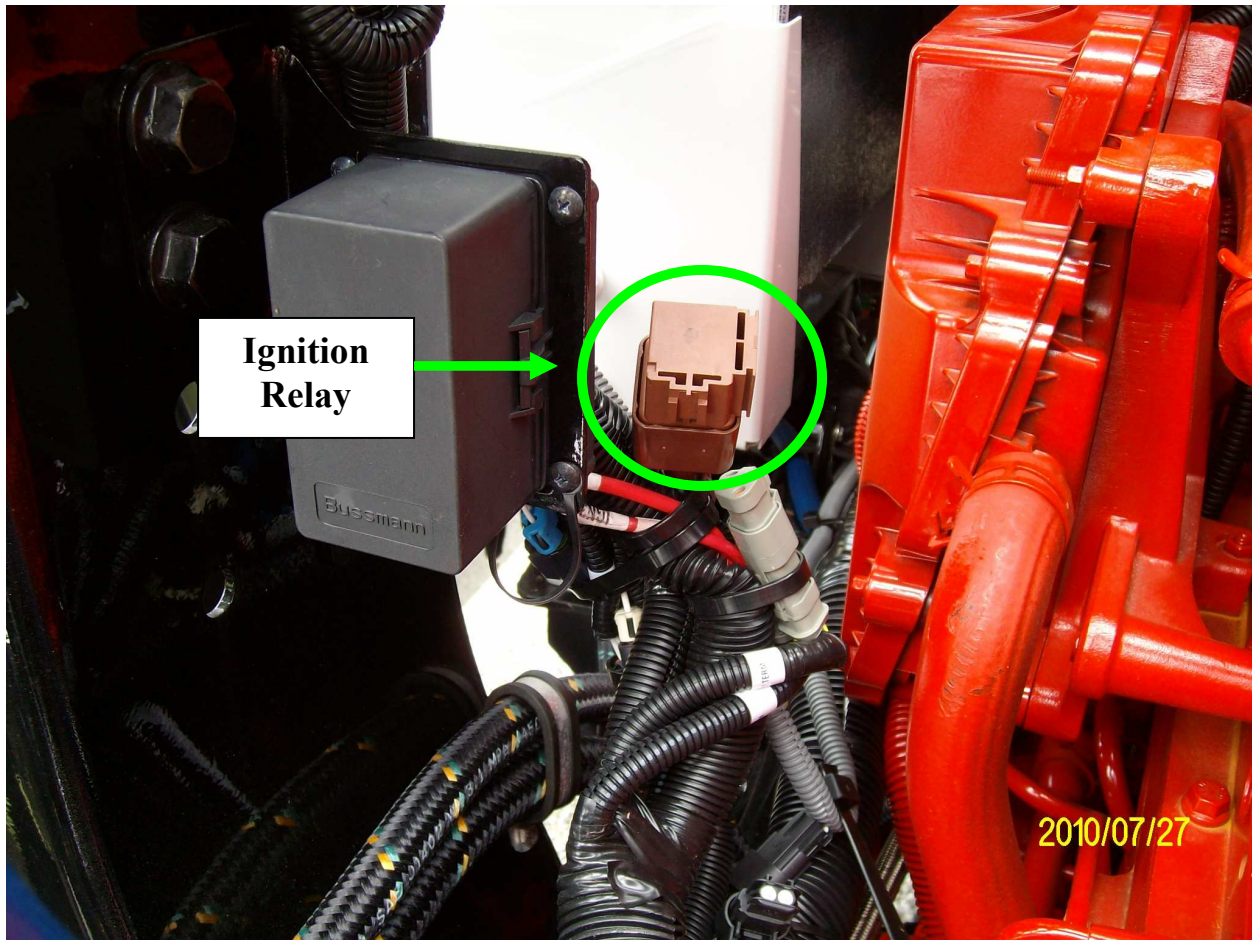
2317 vehicles.

573.6(c)(4):

100 % of the 2317 vehicles may contain the defect.

573.6(c)(5):

Water intrusion in the ignition relay of the affected vehicles may lead to corrosion, which may short-circuit the relay causing the part to fail. Failure of the relay could cause the engine to shut down without warning or fail to start. The location of the relay is shown in the photograph below.



573.6(c)(6):

Based upon an analysis of warranty claims for relay failures, Autocar determined on 28 July 2010 that a safety defect existed and a recall was necessary.

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. Owners who have previously paid for repairs relating to the Bitron Ignition Relay may submit a claim for reimbursement by Autocar of verified repair costs.

573.6(c)(8)(ii):

30 AUG 2010 Dealer repair bulletin to be sent to Autocar dealers and fleet owners – draft to be provided to the Agency shortly.

31 AUG 2010 Owner notification letter and recall response card to be sent to vehicle owners – draft to be provided to the Agency shortly.

573.6(c)(11):

Autocar's campaign number assigned to this recall is A-1003.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arora', written over a horizontal line.

Kanupriya Arora
Compliance
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