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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
11V-405

SUBJECT: FRONT FRAME RAIL STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY

DEAR MR. ARORA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar LLC's (Autocar) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:
AUTOCAR/ACTT/2011-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-405

Mfg's Report Date: August 4, 2011

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 13

Summary:

AUTOCAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011-2012 ACTT HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2011, THROUGH JUNE 24, 2011. THESE VEHICLES MAY DEVELOP CRACKS IN THE TOP FLANGE OF THE RIGHT-HAND FRAME RAIL AT THE CLEARANCE CUT-OUT FOR THE ENGINE AIR INTAKE SYSTEM. THIS IS DUE TO HIGH STRESS INDUCED AT THE LOCATION OF THE CUT-OUT WHEN THE VEHICLE IS SUBJECTED TO SEVERE DUTY CYCLES.

Consequence:

OVER TIME, CRACKING IN THE FRAME RAIL MAY PROPAGATE AND CAUSE THE FRAME RAIL TO FAIL, RESULTING IN CHANGES IN VEHICLE HANDLING AND/OR INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A REMEDY. AN OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER WILL BE MAILED WHICH WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHEDULING REPAIR OF THE VEHICLE AT AN AUTHORIZED AUTOCAR SERVICE FACILITY. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AUTOCAR AT 1-765-489-5499.

Notes:

AUTOCAR'S SAFETY RECALL NUMBER IS T-1101. CUSTOMERS 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).

Please provide information as to the planned remedy for this safety defect.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for 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, sweeping underline.

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