



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
11V-515

SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL

DEAR MR. GORNICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge American LaFrance's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which 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:

AMERICAN LAFRANCE/EAGLE/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-515 **Mfg's Report Date:** October 13, 2011

Components: ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 17

Summary:

AMERICAN LAFRANCE (ALF) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 EAGLE FIRE TRUCKS MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 21, 2010, THROUGH AUGUST 25, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH A MERITOR WABCO ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL (ESC) SYSTEM, MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 2009 THROUGH OCTOBER 2011. THE ESC MODULE MAY CAUSE THE ESC SYSTEM TO ACTIVATE UNNECESSARILY WHEN THE VEHICLE IS

DRIVEN IN A PARTICULAR MANNER ON CERTAIN UNIQUE ROAD CONDITIONS AND MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SLIP ANGLE CALCULATION BY THE ESC MODULE.

Consequence:

THIS MIGHT CAUSE THE ESC TO PERCEIVE AN OVER STEERING SITUATION AND THEREFORE APPLY THE FRONT AXLE OUTER WHEEL SERVICE BRAKE UNTIL THE VEHICLE IS PERCEIVED TO BE STABLE BY THE ESC. IF THE DRIVER IS SLOW TO REACT DURING THIS ESC INTERVENTION, THE VEHICLE MAY DEVIATE FROM THE INTENDED LINE OF TRAVEL, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

ALF WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE CONTROL MODULE FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ALF AT 1-843-486-7703.

Notes:

AMERICAN LAFRANCE'S NUMBER FOR THIS RECALL IS ALF-0111. 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 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 Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, or 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 successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric Willard" with a stylized flourish.

Ric Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement