



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

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3008 MOBILE DRIVE  
ELKHART, IN 46514

NVS-215dgl  
11V-568

**SUBJECT: INCORRECT INSTALLATION OF SEAT BELT/FMVSS 208**

**DEAR MR. MCFERREN:**

This letter serves to acknowledge MEDIX Specialty Vehicles, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 208, "Occupant Crash Protection," for which a safety recall campaign 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:**

MEDIX/TYPE II AMBULANCE/2007-2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-568

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 21, 2011

**Components:** SEAT BELTS: REAR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 360

**Summary:**

MEDIX IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007-2011 TYPE II AMBULANCES, MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2007, THROUGH NOVEMBER 16, 2011. DUE TO OVERSIGHT, MEDIX INSTALLED SEATS IN A REAR FACING POSITION IN THE PATIENT COMPARTMENT WITH A TYPE I (LAP BELT ONLY) SEAT BELT CONFIGURATION. THEREFORE, THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NUMBER 208, "OCCUPANT CRASH PROTECTION."

**Consequence:**

USE OF A NON-CONFORMING SEAT BELT MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE SEAT OCCUPANT IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

MEDIX WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND WILL REPLACE THE SEAT BELT AS REQUIRED TO A TYPE II DESIGN (LAP AND SHOULDER BELT) FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MEDIX AT 1-574-266-0911.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-423 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

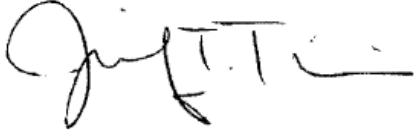
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after 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](mailto:Delia.Lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a 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 the first name "Jennifer" being more prominent and the last name "Timian" following in a similar style.

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