



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

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NVS-215 lrd  
11V-570

**SUBJECT: V-BAND CLAMP ASSEMBLY**

**DEAR MR. MEYER:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Sutphen Corporation's (Sutphen) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a 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:**

SUTPHEN/SL75/2010  
SUTPHEN/PUMPERS/RESCUE/2010-2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-570

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 7, 2011

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 12

**Summary:**

SUTPHEN CORPORATION (SUTPHEN) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 SL75 AND MODEL YEAR 2010-2011 PUMPERS AND RESCUE FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES, EQUIPPED WITH A CUMMINS ISB, ISX, OR DIESEL ENGINE THE V-BAND CLAMP ASSEMBLY, PART NUMBERS Q187684, Q187685, AND Q187686, USED TO CONNECT THE INLET AND OUTLET CONE SECTIONS TO THE DIESEL OXIDATION CATALYST (DOC)/DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER (DPF) INCLUDE A T-BOLT WHICH CAN FRACTURE AND FAIL WHEN SUBJECTED TO STRESS OR LOAD. A FRACTURE OR FAILURE OF THE T- BOLT MAY CAUSE THE CLAMP TO LOOSEN AND THE INLET OR OUTLET SECTIONS ATTACHED TO THE DOC/DPF HOUSING TO DISCONNECT.

**Consequence:**

IF THE INLET OR OUTLET SECTIONS DISCONNECT, HOT EXHAUST GASES CAN VENT PRIOR TO EXITING THE TAILPIPE, CREATING THE RISK OF COMBUSTION AND A FIRE. IF BOTH CLAMPS FAIL, THERE IS A RISK IN SOME APPLICATIONS THAT THE DOC/DPF HOUSING MAY DETACH COMPLETELY, CREATING A ROAD HAZARD.

**Remedy:**

SUTPHEN IS WORKING WITH CUMMINS TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY OWNERS OF THE RECALL CAMPAIGN. REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY AUTHORIZED CUMMINS DEALERS, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL BEGAN DURING AUGUST 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CUMMINS AT 1-812-377-5000 OR SUTPHEN AT 1-866-287-5549.

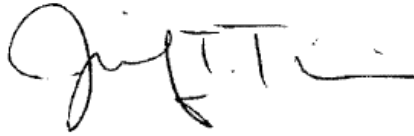
**Notes:**

CUMMINS RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS C1154. 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).

As stated in your report, Cummins will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Cummins campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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