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Recall T-1101: ACTT Front Frame Rail Structural Integrity

04 August 2011

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6
Autocar Industries, LLC, Recall No. T-1101

The following information is 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 Industries, LLC (“Autocar”).

573.6(c)(2)

Autocar Industries has identified a defect in 2011 and 2012 model-year ACTT-model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built between 23 February 2011 and 24 June 2011, with serial numbers in the range 212301 through 213169. The defect has occurred in vehicles with severe duty applications.

573.6(c)(3)

13 vehicles.

573.6(c)(4)

100% of 13 vehicles.

573.6(c)(5)

The affected vehicles may develop cracks mainly 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 stresses induced at the location of the cut-out when the vehicle is subjected to severe duty cycles (see photograph below).

573.6(c)(6)

22 JUL 2011 Autocar found the issue during a routine customer vehicle quality audit.

23 JUL 2011 - Investigation and inspection of vehicles.

29 JUL 2011

01 AUG 2011 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.



573.6(c)(7)
Not applicable.

573.6(c)(8)(i)
Autocar will voluntarily initiate an owner notification and recall of all 13 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.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

03 AUG 2011	573.6 letter to be sent to NHTSA.
22 AUG 2011	Owner notification letter to be sent to NHTSA for approval.
31 AUG 2011	Repair bulletin to be sent to Autocar service sites and fleet owners.
01 SEP 2011	Owner notification letter and recall response card to be sent to vehicle owners.

573.6(c)(9)

Not Applicable.

573.6(c)(11)

The number Autocar Industries has assigned to this recall for tracking purposes is T-1101.

Respectfully,

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

Kanupriya Arora
Compliance
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