

TO: «DEALER»
FROM: Chad Miller – Customer Service: Field Upgrades and Recalls
DATE: December 2011
SUBJECT: Recall Notice: 11V-527 Meritor WABCO ESC



VEHICLE SAFETY DEALER NOTIFICATION – IMPORTANT

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, as amended, provides that each vehicle which is subject to a recall campaign of this type must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the owner has tendered it for repair. Failure to repair within sixty (60) days after tender of a vehicle is prima facie evidence of failure to repair within a reasonable time.

If the condition is not adequately repaired within a reasonable time, the owner may be entitled to an identical or reasonable equivalent vehicle at no charge or to a refund of the purchase price less a reasonable allowance for depreciation.

To avoid having to provide these burdensome solutions, every effort must be made to promptly schedule an appointment with each owner and to repair their vehicle as soon as possible. As you will see in reading the attached copy of the letter that is being sent to owners, the owners are being instructed to contact Pierce customer service if their dealer does not remedy the condition within three (3) days of the mutually agreed upon service date. If the condition is not remedied within a reasonable time, they are instructed on how to contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE INVOLVED

Pierce has determined that a defect exists which relates to motor vehicle safety in certain Arrow XT, Custom Contender, Impel, Quantum, Saber and Velocity models that are equipped with the ESC option.

Meritor WABCO has determined that under certain unique road and driving conditions involving tight, successive, highly banked curves in opposite directions, vehicle body roll and road inclination characteristics may adversely affect the slip angle calculation by the ESC Module. This might cause the ESC System to perceive an oversteering situation and therefore apply the front axle outer wheel service brake until the vehicle is perceived to be stable by the ESC. This unnecessary brake intervention may pull the vehicle out of the curve, requiring the driver to counter steer to keep the vehicle on its intended path. If the driver is slow to react during this described unnecessary ESC intervention, the vehicle may deviate from its intended path and cause a crash.

The ESC module will be replaced by Pierce dealers and reimbursement made through the Pierce warranty system.

VEHICLES INVOLVED

The vehicles involved were shipped between December 19, 2007 and October 25, 2011.

Involved vehicles have been identified by Pierce job numbers and are listed on the attached report. Computer listings contain the complete job number, owner name and address data. Owner name and address data will enable dealers to follow up with owners involved in this campaign.

DEALER RESPONSIBILITY

It is the dealer's responsibility to contact the fire departments on the attached list and to support service for this remedy. Make sure the customer is aware the remedy will be performed without charge.

REMEDY SERVICE INSTRUCTIONS

Service instructions are available at pierceparts.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chad Miller".

Chad Miller
Customer Service: Field Upgrades and Recalls