



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215et
12V-083

SUBJECT: TAG AXLE AIR LINES

DEAR MR. ASH:

This letter serves to acknowledge McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing, Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:

AUTOCAR/ACX/2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-083

Mfg's Report Date: March 1, 2012

Components: POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR: SUPPLY, HOSES, LINES/PIPING AND
FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 111

Summary:

MCNEILUS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 AUTOCAR ACX TRUCKS, MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 17, 2011, THROUGH FEBRUARY 10, 2012. THE REFUSE TRUCK MANUFACTURING PROCESS MAY REQUIRE THAT THE TAG AXLE ON THE CHASSIS BE REMOVED. DURING REMOVAL, TWO AIR LINES MUST BE REINSTALLED IN THE CORRECT LOCATION. IF THE AIR LINES ARE RECONNECTED INCORRECTLY, THE TAG AXLE BRAKES WILL BE APPLIED WHEN THE TAG AXLE IS LIFTED, BUT WILL NOT FUNCTION WHEN THE TAG IS AXLE IS LOWERED.

Consequence:

REDUCED BRAKING ABILITY COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

MCNEILUS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS WILL INSPECT VEHICLES AND PERFORM REPAIRS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 15, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCNEILUS AT 507-374-6321.

Notes:

MCNEILUS SAFETY RECALL NO. 41-0967369. OWNERS 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).

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please provide us with the name of the models along with the model years that are affected by this recall.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Edison.Thompson@dot.gov, or through the office email at 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 "J. 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