



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

September 20, 2012

Mr. Wayne Miller  
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Geo. Heiser Body Co., Inc.  
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NVS-215ET  
12V-452

**Subject:** Sure Power Battery Separators overheating

Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter serves to acknowledge Geo. Heiser Body Co., Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:**

FUSO/FE160/2012  
HINO/268/2012  
INTERNATIONAL /4300/2006, 2010, 2012  
KENWORTH/T270/2013  
KENWORTH/T271/2013  
PETERBILT/337/2011-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 6, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-452

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:ELECTRICAL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 28

**Problem Description:**

Geo. Heiser Body Company, Inc., (Geo. Heiser Body Company) is recalling certain model year 2006 International and 2010-2013 Fuso, Hino, International, Kenworth, and Peterbilt vehicles equipped with Sure Power battery separator devices. These devices may overheat.

**Consequence:**

Overheating of the battery separator can result in smoke and possible fire.

**Remedy:**

Geo. Heiser Body Company will notify owners and will replace the battery separators free of charge. Geo. Heiser Body Company has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Geo. Heiser Body Company at 1-206-622-7985.

**Notes:**

Customers may 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>.

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.

Geo. Heiser Body Co., Inc. must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

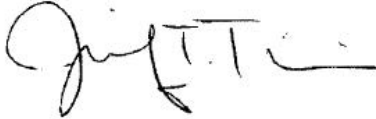
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. 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.

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](mailto:edison.thompson@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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