



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215KS  
12V-588

**Subject:** Steel Wheel Separation

Dear Ms. ARORA:

This letter serves to acknowledge AUTOCAR, LLC'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:**

AUTOCAR/XPEDITOR /2012-2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 14, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-588

**Components:**

WHEELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 222

**Problem Description:**

Autocar, LLC is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Xpeditor vehicles manufactured March 13, 2012, through November 29, 2012; and with serial numbers in the range 214008 through 215308. The vehicles are equipped with Hayes Lemmerz manufactured, model 90262, steel wheels. Due to an inadequate weld between the wheel disc and rim, the disc can separate from the rim.

**Consequence:**

Separation of the rim and tire from the vehicle can result in a loss of control and a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:**

Autocar will notify owners, and dealers will replace the wheels, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on February 12, 2013. Owners may contact Autocar at 1-765-489-5499.

**Notes:**

Autocar's recall campaign number is A-1205. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Also, 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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