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Recall M-1203: Brake Pedal Interference

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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6
Autocar Industries, LLC Recall No. M-1203

The following information is submitted 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): The manufacturer's name
Autocar Industries, LLC ("Autocar").

573.6(c)(2): Identification of the vehicles including a description of the manufacturer's basis for its determination of the recall population
Autocar has identified a defect in 2012 model-year Xpert model medium-duty class 7 vehicles built by Autocar between 17 October 2011 and 18 June 2012, with serial numbers in the range 213522 through 214174. The defect occurs on the right-hand drive side of dual-drive vehicles.

573.6(c)(3): The total number of vehicles or items of equipment potentially containing the defect
20 vehicles are potentially affected.

573.6(c)(4): The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance
Seven of the 20 vehicles are affected.

573.6(c)(5): A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the defect or noncompliance
Autocar has determined that in certain vehicles the negative cable ground stud and/or wiring harness may interfere with the right-hand drive side brake pedal. The interference may result in a lack or loss of full braking capability. In certain braking situations, the driver may not be able to fully depress the brake pedal, possibly resulting in reduced braking capability.



573.6(c)(6) and (7): A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety

- 25 AUG 2012 During a routine vehicle test drive, Autocar identified the potential for interference with the full application of the right-hand drive side service brake. Additional examination and analysis identified the potential for contact between the brake pedal and the ground stud or wiring harness in this vehicle.
- 27 AUG 2012 - Autocar audited vehicles in the plant and in the field to determine the potential for
05 SEP 2012 interference in other vehicles with similar design.
- 06 SEP 2012 Autocar made a safety defect determination.

573.6(c)(8)(i): A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance
Autocar will initiate a safety recall to remedy all affected vehicles, which will begin no later than October 1, 2012.

573.6(c)(11): The manufacturer's campaign number, if not identical to the identification number assigned by NHTSA

Autocar's campaign number assigned to this recall is M-1203.

Very truly yours,

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