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Recall A-1204: Backup Alarm Motion Sensor

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6
Autocar, LLC Recall No. A-1204

The following information is 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, 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 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 model-year Xpeditor model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built by Autocar between 10 September 2010 and 10 September 2012, with serial numbers in the range 211492 through 215190. The defect occurs in vehicles equipped with a back-up alarm motion sensor.

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

542 vehicles are potentially affected.

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

100% of the 542 vehicles are potentially 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 equipped with a backup alarm motion sensor, the sensor may not have been installed correctly and may not detect when the vehicle rolls backward under certain circumstances. The vehicle may roll backward without the backup alarm sounding, failing to provide audible warning of a rollaway situation.

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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

- 30 AUG 2012 Autocar found the issue during a routine vehicle audit.
- 30 AUG 2012 - Autocar audited vehicles at the final manufacturer location and found more
19 SEP 2012 affected units.
- 20 SEP 2012 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.

573.6(c)(8)(i): A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance

Autocar will voluntarily initiate an owner notification and recall of all affected vehicles. Autocar will distribute to owners of affected vehicles an Owner Notification Letter which will describe the defect and provide instructions for scheduling repair of the vehicle, at no cost to the vehicle's owner.

573.6(c)(8)(ii): The estimated date(s) on which it will begin sending notifications to owners, and to dealers and distributors

- 20 SEP 2012 Autocar decided to initiate a recall.
- 26 SEP 2012 573.6 letter to be sent to NHTSA.
- 19 OCT 2012 Owner notification letter to be sent to NHTSA for approval.
- 08 NOV 2012 Repair bulletin to be distributed by Autocar.
- 09 NOV 2012 Owner notification letter and recall response card to be sent to vehicle owners.

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 A-1204.

Very truly yours,

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