



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

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NVS-215KS
13V-072

Subject: Missing side marker lamps and/or reflective tape

Dear Mr. Lane:

This letter serves to acknowledge Caterpillar 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:
CATERPILLAR/CT660/2012, 2014

Mfr's Report Date: January 28, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-072

Components:
EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 49

Problem Description:

Caterpillar is recalling certain 2012 and 2014 Caterpillar CT660 heavy duty trucks manufactured by Navistar between October 31, 2011, and January 23, 2013. Certain side marker lamps and/or reflective tape were not applied to these vehicles, which have a length of 30 feet or longer. Thus, these vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

Missing side marker lamps and/or reflective tape reduces the visibility of the truck to others, which increases the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Caterpillar will notify owners, and dealers will repair the vehicles free of charge. The manufacturer has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Caterpillar at 1-309-675-5658.

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>.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at 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 cursive and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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