



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

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NVS-215KS
13V-138

Subject: Air Brake Leakage may cause Brake Drag

Dear Kanupriya Arora:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar, LLC's (AutoCar) 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/ACX/2011-2013

Mfr's Report Date: April 11, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-138

Components:
PARKING BRAKE:CONVENTIONAL:AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 532

Problem Description:

Autocar is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 ACX vehicles manufactured January 24, 2011, through December 4, 2012. These vehicles are equipped with Meritor axle assemblies that were built with disc brakes using MGM J24 series air brake chambers. In the affected axles, the brake chambers may leak pressure allowing the parking brake to drag when it is supposed to be released. Brake dragging could lead to overheated brake components.

Consequence:

Overheated brake components could result in a fire.

Remedy:

Autocar will notify owners and will replace the actuators as needed, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin June 10, 2013. Owners may contact Autocar at 1-765-489-5499. Autocar's campaign recall number is A-1301.

Notes:

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.

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 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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