



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 3, 2013

Jon Coeling
HME, Inc.
1950 Byron Center Ave.
Wyoming, MI 49519

NVS-215KS
13V-167

Subject: Leaking Brake Pressure may Lead to Wheel End Fire

Dear Jon Coeling:

This letter serves to acknowledge HME, 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:

FERRARA/INTRUDER EMBER/2011-2012
HME/SPECTR/2012
HME/SPECTR FIRE APPARATUS/2012

Mfr's Report Date: April 25, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-167

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11

Problem Description:

HME is recalling certain model year 2012 Spectr Fire Apparatus, Spectr Chassis, and 2011-2012 Ferrara Intruder Ember Chassis vehicles manufactured January 26, 2011, through November 7, 2012. These vehicles have axles are equipped with an MGM Type 24 J-series piston parking brake chamber. 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:

HME will notify owners and the brake chambers will be inspected and replaced as needed, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on, or before, May 13, 2013. Owners may contact HME at 1-616-534-1463.

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