



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. John Wallace
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NVS-215KS
13V-205

Subject: Leaking Brake Pressure may Lead to Wheel End Fire

Dear Mr. Wallace:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ferrara Fire Apparatus, 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/IGNITER/2011-2012
FERRARA/ULTRA/2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: May 16, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-205

Components:
PARKING BRAKE:CONVENTIONAL:AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 202

Problem Description:

Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. (Ferrara) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 Igniter and Ultra firetrucks. 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:

Ferrara has notified all affected owners and has replaced all of the affected brake chambers. Owners may contact Ferrara at 1-800-443-9006.

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>.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

Per your defect report, all affected vehicles have been remedied. Please submit one quarterly recall completion rate report listing a one hundred percent completion rate.

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 more prominent.

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