



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

February 19, 2014

Ms. Melanie Stone
Cottrell, Inc.
2125 Candler Road
Gainesville, GA 30507

NVS-215KS
14V-028

Subject: Battery Equalizers: Fire Risk

Dear Ms. Stone:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cottrell, 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:

COTTRELL/3.5-CAR CS/2011
COTTRELL/4-CAR CS/2008-2010
COTTRELL/C-11LT/2005, 2007-2008, 2012
COTTRELL/C-11LT SCREW/2005
COTTRELL/C-7510ST/2007
COTTRELL/C-7512/2007
COTTRELL/C-7512MST/2005-2007
COTTRELL/CS-6SD/2006
COTTRELL/CX-09HCS/2007-2010
COTTRELL/CX-09LS/2007-2008
COTTRELL/CX-09LS2/2007-2009, 2011-2012
COTTRELL/CX-09LS3/2008, 2010
COTTRELL/CX-09LS3-CAN/2010
COTTRELL/CX-09LST/2007
COTTRELL/CX-11HCS/2008-2011
COTTRELL/CX-11HCS-SUV/2011-2012
COTTRELL/CX-6MST/2008-2009, 2012
COTTRELL/CX-7/2009
COTTRELL/CX-7MST/2008-2009

Mfr's Report Date: January 29, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-028

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 779

Problem Description:

Cottrell, Inc. (Cottrell) is recalling certain model year 2005-2011 auto transporter vehicles equipped with Sure Power-brand battery

equalizers containing a particular epoxy sealing, aka 'potting', compound. The specific potting compound used in the subject products for insulation was found to be capable of conducting electricity after being exposed to heat.

Consequence:

Once electrically conductive, the material is capable of melting and burning, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Cottrell, Inc., will notify owners, and Sure Power will replace the equalizers, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Cottrell at 1-770-532-7251

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.

We have received Cottrell's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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).

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.

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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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,



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