



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

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Mr. Jessie Grigsby
Director of Operations
Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company
10100 Ballentine Pike
New Carlisle, OH 45344

NVS-215KS
14V-037

Subject: DC-DC Converters:Fire Risk

Dear Mr. Grigsby:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company'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:

INTERNATIONAL/4300 SBA 4X2/2009
INTERNATIONAL/4300M7 SBA 4X2/2013
INTERNATIONAL/4400 SBA 4X2/2013
INTERNATIONAL/5500I 6X4/2006
INTERNATIONAL/5900I SFA 6X4/2008
INTERNATIONAL/7300 SFA 4X4/2008, 2010, 2013
INTERNATIONAL/7600 SBA 6X4/2009-2010
INTERNATIONAL/7600 SFA 4X2/2012
INTERNATIONAL/7600 SFA 6X4/2006-2009, 2012
INTERNATIONAL/9900I SFA 6X4/2009
INTERNATIONAL/TERRASTAR SFA 4X2/2013

Mfr's Report Date: February 3, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-037

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 133

Problem Description:

Kaffenbarger Truck Equipment Company (Kaffenbarger) is recalling certain model year 2006-2013 International class 8 trucks equipped with Sure Power-brand DC-DC converters 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:

Kaffenbarger will notify owners and will replace the converters, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early March 2014. Owners may contact Kaffenbarger at 1-937-845-3804.

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 Kaffenbarger'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).

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