



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

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NVS-215KS
14V-133

Subject: Seat Belt Mounting Bolt Torque/FMVSS 209

Dear Ms. Arora:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar Industries, LLC'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:

AUTOCAR/XPERT/2012-2014

Mfr's Report Date: April 9, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-133

Components:

SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 207

Problem Description:

Autocar Industries, LLC (Autocar) is recalling certain model year 2012-2014 Xpert vehicles manufactured July 11, 2011, through March 5, 2014. The bolts used to anchor the seat belts may be insufficiently tight to withstand the forces experienced in certain crashes. As such, these vehicles do not conform to Federal Motor Vehicles Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies."

Consequence:

If the seat belt does not properly restrain the seat occupant, there is an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Autocar will notify owners, and dealers will tighten the seat belt mounting bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2014. Owners may contact Autocar at 1-765-489-5499. Autocar's number for this recall is M-1401.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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