



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Miss CHAD STUBER
Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.
37777 INTERCHANGE DRIVE
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48335

NVS-215SM
14V-678

Subject: Brake Warning Lamp/FMVSS 105

Dear Miss STUBER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., 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:

HINO/XFC/2012-2015
HINO/XJC/2012-2015

Mfr's Report Date: October 24, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-678

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,641

Problem Description:

Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc. (Hino Motors) is recalling certain model year 2012-2015 XJC and XFC vehicles manufactured February 17, 2011, to October 31, 2014. The brake warning lamp that is supposed to illuminate in the event of a loss of brake fluid pressure or that there is low brake fluid may not operate correctly due to a software programming issue. Thus, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards No. 105, "Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems."

Consequence:

If the warning lamp does not illuminate in the event of low pressure or low brake fluid volume, the driver will not be warned of the potential for a reduction or loss of braking capability, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Hino Motors will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the ABS ECU, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Hino customer service at 1-248-699-9300.

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.

Hino Motors has not yet provided an owner notification schedule or when it intends to launch its free remedy campaign. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

Please also submit for our review a copy of the owner notification letter you propose to send to the registered owners of the vehicles as soon as possible and at least five working days before you intend to mail these notifications.

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.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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".

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