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Cynthia Glass
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

EQ 14-004

Vehicle Recall: **IMMI L9 Seat Buckle**
Pierce Recall Number – 74BXXX

Dear Ms. Glass:

This report serves as Pierce's notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a defect related to certain model year 2013 Pierce vehicles. These vehicles may be equipped with seat belt buckle components produced and supplied by Indiana Mills and Manufacturing, Inc. (IMMI) who previously issued a Determination of Non-Compliance and assigned recall number 13E-061.

1. Name of Manufacturer and Corporate contact:

Pierce Manufacturing Inc.
2600 American Drive
Post Office Box 2017
Appleton, Wisconsin 54912-2017

Contact person:
Donald Chomic, Director, Product Safety
Phone: 920 832-3342
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Supplier information:
Indiana Mills and Manufacturing Inc.
18881 US 31 North
Westfield, Indiana 46074

2. Identification of Vehicle Classification:

Vehicles equipped with seat belt buckles supplied by Indiana Mills and Manufacturing identified as "L-9" buckles. IMMI provided information that aided in identifying the affected vehicles. Based on that information, all other vehicles are excluded.

Make: Pierce
Model Years Involved: 2013

Models: Arrow XT, Dash CF, Impel, and Velocity
Mfg. Date Beginning: October, 2013
Mfg. Date Ending: January, 2014

- 3. Number of Potentially Affected Vehicles:**
156 units (150 in USA, 5 in Canada, 1 in Mexico)
- 4. Estimated Percentage of Vehicles Containing the Defect or Noncompliance:**
See IMMI Part 573 defect report 13E-061. For further information contact Lisa Hanson, Director of Corporate Quality, IMMI, ph:317-867-8451, Fax:317-896-2142
- 5. Description of the defect or noncompliance:**
Certain seat belt assemblies equipped with an L9 end-release seat belt buckles are potentially not compliant to S4.3(g) of FMVSS 209.
See IMMI Part 573 defect report 13E-061.
For further information contact:
Lisa Hanson, Director of Corporate Quality
IMMI
ph:317-867-8451
Fax:317-896-2142.
- 6. Chronology of Principal Events:**
See IMMI Part 573 defect report 13E-061.
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- 7. Corrective Action:**
 - Pierce will send notifications to owners of the affected vehicles.
 - Customer notification is expected to begin mid-May and completed by the end of May.
 - Dealer notification will be completed by the end of May.
 - The non-compliant buckles will be replaced free of charge.
 - Pierce has assigned a recall number of 74B246 to this issue.
- 8. Representative Notices:** The owner and dealer letters will be provided under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Chomic, Director
Product Safety