



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Roger Lackore  
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2307 Oregon St.  
Oshkosh, WI 54903-2566

NVS-215MR  
15V-174

**Subject:** Rear Leaf Spring Spacer Block may Fracture

Dear Mr. Lackore:

This letter serves to acknowledge Pierce Manufacturing'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:**

PIERCE/ENFORCER/2015  
PIERCE/IMPEL/2015  
PIERCE/SABER/2015  
PIERCE/VELOCITY/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 23, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-174

**Components:**

SUSPENSION:REAR:SPRINGS:LEAF SPRING ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 8

**Problem Description:**

Pierce Manufacturing (Pierce) is recalling certain model year 2015 Saber, Enforcer, Impel, and Velocity vehicles manufactured December 4, 2014, to March 23, 2015. The rear axle cast iron leaf spring spacer block may crack and fracture.

**Consequence:**

If the leaf spring spacer block fractures, the pieces may become a road hazard. If the entire spacer block separates from the vehicle, the alignment of the rear axle may suddenly shift. Either condition could increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Pierce will notify owners, and dealers will replace the cast iron spring spacer block with a machined steel spring spacer block, free of charge. The recall began on March 23, 2015. Owners may contact Pierce customer service at 1-888-974-3723.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on March 23, 2015, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Pierce to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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