



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Eric Eyman  
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Autocar, LLC  
551 South Washington Street  
Hagerstown, IN 47346

NVS-215MR  
15V-289

**Subject:** Parking Brake may Unexpectedly Engage

Dear Mr. Eyman:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar, 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/XPEDITOR/2011-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 12, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-289

**Components:**

PARKING BRAKE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,123

**Problem Description:**

Autocar, LLC (Autocar) is recalling certain model year 2011-2016 Xpeditor vehicles manufactured October 12, 2010, to May 4, 2015. The affected vehicles have a synchronization valve with Autocar part number A7660006-001 and any of the following cab configurations where the park brake button (sometimes referred to as the park brake valve) is located to the right of the RH drive steering wheel: RH Drive, dual drive/dual sit, and dual drive/RH stand. If the operator inadvertently or erroneously attempts to release the park brake without first firmly applying the service brake, the park brake will subsequently engage, at any speed and likely unexpectedly to the operator.

**Consequence:**

The park brake may engage unexpectedly at any speed, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Autocar will notify owners, and dealers will replace the synchronization valve with one that has a lower opening pressure, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on, or about, July 8, 2015. Owners may contact Autocar customer service at 1-765-489-5499. Autocar's number for this recall is ACX-1502.

**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).

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).

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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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