



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

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Mr. Edward Macdonald
Executive V.P.
Accubuilt, Inc.
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NVS-215SM
15V-334

Subject: Rubbing Driveshaft may Result in Fire

Dear Mr. Macdonald:

This letter serves to acknowledge Accubuilt, 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:

DABRYAN/LINCON TOWN CAR 120" LIMO/1998-2005

Mfr's Report Date: May 21, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-334

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 970

Problem Description:

Accubuilt, Inc. (Accubuilt) is recalling certain model year 1998-2005 Lincoln Town Car 120" Limousines manufactured January 2, 1998, to July 21, 2005 by DaBryan Coachbuilders. In certain situations, such as when overloaded or in the event of rear suspension failure, the driveshaft may rub against the vehicle body, below the rear seating area.

Consequence:

The rubbing driveshaft may generate significant heat, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

The remedy for this recall is still under development. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Accubuilt customer service at 1-419-222-1501.

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.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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,



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