



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Ronald Lavicott
Director of Chassis Engineering
Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc.
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NVS-215KS
15V-560

Subject: Ball Joints may Detach from Front Suspension

Dear Mr. Lavicott:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ferrara Fire Apparatus, 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:

FERRARA/IGNITER/2013-2014
FERRARA/INFERNO/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: September 3, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-560

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:LOWER BALL JOINT
SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:UPPER BALL JOINT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Problem Description:

Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. (Ferrara) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Igniter and Inferno firetrucks manufactured October 16, 2013, to December 10, 2014. The affected vehicles are built with independent front suspensions that may have loose ball joints.

Consequence:

A loose ball joint may separate from the steering linkage resulting in a loss of steering control and an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Ferrara will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the firetrucks and replace the affected suspension components, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2015. Owners may contact Ferrara customer service at 1-225-567-7100 ext 3011.

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.

We have received Ferrara's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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).

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 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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