



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Amy Noce  
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Halcore Group, Inc.  
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NVS-215MR  
15V-694

**Subject:** Steel Cable that Anchors Seat Belt may Fail

Dear Ms. Noce:

This letter serves to acknowledge Halcore Group, 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:**

AEV/TYPE II AMBULANCE/2008-2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 21, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-694

**Components:**

SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,500

**Problem Description:**

Halcore Group, Inc. (Halcore) is recalling certain model year 2008-2014 American Emergency Vehicle (AEV) Type II ambulances manufactured February 1, 2008, to August 1, 2014. In the affected vehicles, the flexible steel cable that connect the seat belt to the vehicle on the rearward facing attendant seat may be bent from being sat on while entering the vehicle. This repeated bending may result in the cable breaking.

**Consequence:**

If the cable breaks, the seat occupant may not be properly restrained in the event of a crash, increasing their risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Halcore will notify owners, and dealers will replace the flexible steel cable with a sleeve encased webbed belt which allows flexibility, free of charges. The recall is expected to begin November 30, 2015. Owners may contact AEV customer service at 1-800-374-9749.

**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,

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