

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

15V-334

Manufacturer Name : Accubuilt, Inc.

Submission Date : FEB 02, 2016

NHTSA Recall No. : 15V-334

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Accubuilt, Inc.

Address : 2550 Central Point Parkway

Lima OH 45804

Company phone : 419-222-1501

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 970

Estimated percentage with defect : 0 %

Vehicle Alterer Information :

Vehicle 1 : 1998-2005 Lincoln Town Car 120" Limousine

Descriptive Information : This recall is for certain Lincoln Town Car 120" Limousines built by DaBryan Coachbuilders, a subsidiary of Accubuilt, Inc. Model years included are in a range from 1998 through 2005.

Production Dates : JAN 02, 1998 - JUL 21, 2005

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : In certain situations, particularly caused by vehicle overloading and/or rear suspension failure, the vehicle body deflection to vehicle frame minimizes the gap between the body and frame, possibly causing the driveshaft to contact the body floor tunnel under the vehicle below the rear most seating area of the vehicle.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the contact between the driveshaft and tunnel is severe and lengthy enough, a fire may occur.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Rear Suspension Failure that causes the body to drop onto or extremely near the rear axle/differential of the vehicle characterized by the appearance the rear of the vehicle setting uncharacteristically low. There may be a loud grinding noise if this condition as caused the driveshaft to contact any of the body panels.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

February 2015 - A letter was generated by Ford Motor Company to Accubuilt, Inc. related to inspections by Ford engineering experts on the structure components of six DaByran 10 foot stretch limousines, as well as competitive brands. A copy of the letter was sent to NHTSA.

March 2015 - Initial contact was made by NHTSA to Accubuilt, Inc.

April 2015 - After an investigation into the matter, a final decision was made by Accubuilt, Inc. to initiate a recall for Dabryan 120" Sretch Limousines - Model Years 1998-2005.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The remedy for the above issue is to replace the current jounst component mounted on the rear axle with a new component that protects the axle from severe deflection of the body to frame due to a catastrophic rear suspension failure or similar incident. Proper installation of this component will also prevent the driveshaft from contacting the tunnel, as described as the recall issue above, in the event of overloading the vehicle beyond the documented passenger/cargo capacity as attached to the vehicle and/or a rear suspension failure. Accubuilt, Inc. will supply, free of charge, the components and. On eligible vehicles, will pay up to 1 hour of labor to remove the old components and install the new components. Eligible Labor reimbursement is for vehicles built after September 1, 2004 only. All other vehicles are not eligible for labor reimbursement from Accubuilt, Inc. Customers that own one of the vehicles that fall within the parameters of the recalled vehicles must follow the process instructions for them to be able to obtain components and possible reimbursement from Accubuilt, Inc.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component is a combination of a bracket, square tubing and a round rubber pad on top of the square tubing. The original component is composed of a triangular shaped rubber piece mounted on a flat square metal piece.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Not Applicable

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Initial recall letter was sent 7/20/15. The letter outlining the process for obtaining remedy components, installation instructions, and possible reimbursement for install labor will be sent no later than 2/15/2016. Accubuilt, Inc. will use the responses to that letter to send remedy process, components, and reimbursement process where applicable.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUL 20, 2015 - FEB 15, 2016

Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name :

Address :

Country :

Company Phone :

* NR - Not Reported