

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-694****Manufacturer Name :** Halcore Group, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAR 29, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-694**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Halcore Group, Inc.

Address : 3800 McDowell Road

Grove City OH 43123

Company phone : 999

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 3,300

Estimated percentage with defect : 99

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2008-2014 American Emergency Vehicl Type II Ambulance

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : On certain Type II vehicles the flexible steel cable that connects the safety belt outside of the rearward facing attendant seat position can fatigue and separate over time as a result of occupant movement into the seat. In certain seat position settings, the seatbelt's flexible steel cable can be located in a position allowing the occupant to slide across the top of it while entering and exiting the seat. This action can bend the steel cable at a severe angle over the seat side, which over time may cause the cable to fatigue and separate. In a crash, a fatigued cable could break, reducing the effectiveness of the vehicle's safety belts and increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

Production Dates : FEB 01, 2008 - AUG 01, 2014

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The flexible steel cable that connects the safety belt outside of the rearward facing attendant seat position can fatigue and separate over time as a result of occupant movement into the seat. In certain seating positions, the seatbelt's flexible steel cable can be located in a position allowing the occupant to slide across the top of it while entering and exiting the seat. This action can bend the steel cable at a severe angle over the seat side, which over time may cause the cable to fatigue and separate. In a crash, a fatigued cable could break, reducing the

effectiveness of the vehicle's safety belts and increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

FMVSS 1 :NR

FMVSS 2 :NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In a crash, a fatigued cable could break, reducing the effectiveness of the vehicle's safety belt and increasing the risk of injury to the occupant.

Description of the Cause : The seat belt's flexible steel cable can be located in a position allowing the occupant to slide across the top of it while entering or exiting the seat. This action can bend the steel cable at a severe angle over the seat side, which over time may cause the cable to fatigue and separate.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Noticeable tears, holes, kinking or wear marks on the lap anchor sleeved mounting cable.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Intertek Industrial Corp.

Address : 3023 Powers Avenue

Jacksonville FLORIDA 32207

Country : United States

Chronology :

A single customer in June 2014 complained about multiple units in their fleet. As a result of the single customer report, the component supplier/vendor suggested a change to the encased webbed belt style. Starting in July 2014 assemblies contained this change. In July and August 2015 three additional customers complained about the seat belt issue. An inquiry during the fall of 2015 to the vendor found that 39 individual cable anchor components had been requested since 2008. A review of this information was undertaken by AEV and a determination of a defect was made on October 16.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : By VIN the owners of Type II vehicles which have rearward facing attendant seats manufactured with the assembly of Part#'s BELT-IPT3BOX or BELT-IPT3PED will be contacted via registered mail. They will be requested to immediately inspect the existing component for safety, contact AEV for replacement part, installation & it's reimbursement instructions.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component is a sleeve encased webbed belt which allows flexibility. The recalled component has a tightly encased cable that with continued side to side movement & or manipulated in certain positions may cause fraying & or separation.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : June 2014 as a result of single customer report the component supplier/vendor suggested a change to a currently available encased webbed belt style. July 2014 all

provided assemblies contained this change.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notification sent to Regional Dealers two weeks prior to vehicle owners.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 16, 2015 - NOV 23, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : NOV 30, 2015 - DEC 30, 2015

* NR - Not Reported