



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

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Washington, DC 20590

May 20, 2016

Mr. James Barnes
Warranty/Service Foreman
Elpers Truck Equipment
8136 Baumgart Rd
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NEF-150MR
16V-276

Subject: Valve Bank Cover May Crack and Detach

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This letter serves to acknowledge Elpers Truck Equipment'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:

ELPERS/DODGE 5500 W/ CRANE/2013-2016
ELPERS/FORD F-450 W/ CRANE/2013-2016
ELPERS/FORD F-550 W/ CRANE/2013-2016
ELPERS/INTL 4300 W/ CRANE/2013-2016
ELPERS/INTL 4400 W/ CRANE/2013-2016
ELPERS/INTL MAXFORCE W/ CRANE/2013-2016
ELPERS/PETERBILT 337 W/ CRANE/2013-2016

Mfr's Report Date: May 3, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-276

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 35

Problem Description:

Elpers Truck Equipment (Elpers) is recalling certain model year 2013-2016 Peterbilt 337, International 4300, 4400, Maxforce, Dodge 5500, and Ford F-450, and F-550 trucks manufactured April 4, 2013, to January 22, 2016 and equipped with IMT cranes, models 6000, 7500, 8600, 9500, 10000, 12000, and 14000. The affected cranes have a valve bank cover that may crack and fall from the crane while the crane is being transported.

Consequence:

If the valve bank cover detaches from the crane it could be a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Elpers will notify owners, and dealers will replace the valve bank cover, with a thicker gauge cover, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2016. Owners may contact Elpers' customer service at 1-877-244-4596. Elpers' number for this recall is TB2016001 - IMT dist.

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 Elpers' 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).

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement