



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Ronald Laviccott
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Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc.
27855 James Chapel Rd.
Holden, LA 70744

NEF-150KS
16V-445

Subject: Pump Strainer could fail due to Weak Soldering

Dear Mr. Laviccott:

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/CINDER/2015-2016
FERRARA/IGNITER/2015-2016
FERRARA/INFERNO/2015-2016
FERRARA/INTRUDER/2015-2016
FERRARA/ULTRA/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: June 16, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-445

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 60

Problem Description:

Ferrara Fire Apparatus, Inc. (Ferrara) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Inferno, Igniter, Cinder, Ultra, and Intruder vehicles built on Freightliner and International chassis manufactured August 3, 2015, to April 29, 2016, equipped with pumps to provide pressurized water to aid in fighting fires. These pumps have 6" intake strainers that may have been improperly soldered during production and, as a result, the strainers may come apart during use, allowing parts of the strainer and debris to enter the pump, possibly damaging the pump.

Consequence:

If the strainer and/or debris enters the pump, and the operator is forced to shut down the pump, reducing firefighting effectiveness, there could be an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

Ferrara will notify owners, and owners will check the strainer for missing solder at the joints. Any strainers missing solder will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during July 2016. Owners may contact Ferrara customer service at 1-800-443-9006 or hale customer service at 1-800-533-3569.

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).

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 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,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement