



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

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Mr. Don Chomic
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NEF-150KS
16V-551

Subject: Hydraulic Fluid may Leak from Aerial Device Pump

Dear Mr. Chomic:

This letter serves to acknowledge Pierce Manufacturing'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:

PIERCE/ENFORCER/2015-2016
PIERCE/IMPEL/2015-2016
PIERCE/VELOCITY/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: July 22, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-551

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Problem Description:

Pierce Manufacturing (Pierce) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Enforcer, Impel, and Velocity vehicles manufactured April 12, 2016, to May 31, 2016, equipped with aerial devices. The affected vehicles may have a plastic plug installed in an unused port in the hydraulic pump for the aerial device. This plastic plug may separate from the pump resulting in a hydraulic fluid leak, potentially disabling the aerial device.

Consequence:

The inoperable aerial device can increase the risk of injury if the operator needs to move away from a hazardous situation or it may impede the safety mission.

Remedy:

Pierce has notified owners, and dealers will inspect the vehicles and replace the plastic plug with a metal plug, as necessary, free of charge. The recall began on July 26, 2016. Owners may contact Pierce customer service at 1-888-974-3723. Pierce's number for this recall is 74B276.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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
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Enforcement