



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Brent Roy
Compliance
Autocar Industries, LLC
551 S Washington Street
Hagerstown, IN 47362

NEF-150MR
16V-599

Subject: Steering Shaft Weld may Break Affecting Steering

Dear Mr. Roy:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar Industries, LLC'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:

AUTOCAR/XSPOTTER/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: August 11, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-599

Components:

STEERING:COLUMN

Potential Number of Units Affected: 294

Problem Description:

Autocar Industries, LLC (Autocar) is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 Xspotter vehicles manufactured August 3, 2015, to April 21, 2016. The steering column shaft weld may break causing a separation of the steering wheel from the steering system, creating a loss of steering ability.

Consequence:

A loss of steering ability increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Autocar will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the steering columns and replace them as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 7, 2016. Owners may contact Autocar customer service at 1-888-218-3611. Autocar's number for this recall is ACTT-1601.

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 Autocar's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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 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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement