



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Greg Larsen
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1655 Wall Street
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NEF-150MR
16V-616

Subject: Side Lamps may not Stay Illuminated/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Larsen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Eldorado National-Kansas'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:

ELDORADO/AERO ELITE/2011-2016

Mfr's Report Date: August 24, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-616

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 320

Problem Description:

Eldorado National-Kansas (Eldorado National) is recalling certain model year 2011-2016 Aero Elite 300 and 320 vehicles manufactured June 27, 2011, to June 9, 2016 and built on Ford and Navistar chassis. The intermediate side lamps may not stay illuminated when the headlights are on. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

If the side marker lamps do not stay illuminated when the headlights are activated, it can decrease the vehicle's visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Eldorado National will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the intermediate side lamps, replacing them as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2016. Owners may contact Eldorado National customer service at 1-800-955-4236 or by email at bussupport@eldorado-bus.com.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Eldorado National's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it with minor edits 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).

The information in your report suggests that Eldorado National may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Please explain the gap in the chronology from the late-July decision to conduct a noncompliance recall to the late-August filing.

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