



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 2, 2016

Ms. Amy Noce
Accounting Manager
Halcore Group, Inc.
3800 McDowell Rd
Grove City, OH 43123

NEF-150KS
16V-625

Subject: Condenser Controller Wire Harness

Dear Ms. Noce:

This letter serves to acknowledge Halcore Group, 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:

HORTON AMBULANCE/453/2013-2016
HORTON AMBULANCE/457/2013-2016
HORTON AMBULANCE/503/2013-2016
HORTON AMBULANCE/553/2013-2016
HORTON AMBULANCE/603/2013-2016
HORTON AMBULANCE/623/2013-2016
HORTON AMBULANCE/CHANGE OVER/2013-2016

Mfr's Report Date: August 24, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-625

Components:

EQUIPMENT: AIR CONDITIONER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 351

Problem Description:

Halcore Group, Inc. (Halcore) is recalling certain model year 2013-2016 Horton ambulances, models 453, 457, 503, 553, 603, and 623, manufactured November 29, 2013, to March 1, 2016. The affected vehicles may have an improperly sealed Cool-Tech air-conditioning condenser controller wire harness that can allow water to enter the controller housing.

Consequence:

If water gets into the controller housing, the controller may short circuit, increasing the risk of an electrical fire.

Remedy:

Halcore will notify owners, and dealers will replace the Cool-Tech condenser fan controller assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2016. Owners may contact Horton customer service at 1-614-317-9856, or by email at warranty@hortonambulance.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.

We have received Halcore'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.

The information in your report suggests that Halcore's 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 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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