

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-296

Manufacturer Name : Supreme Corporation

Submission Date : JUN 21, 2016

NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-296

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Supreme Corporation

Address : 2581 East Kercher Road

Goshen IN 46528

Company phone : 999

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 23,238

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2011-2014 Supreme Signature Van, Iner-City, Kold King

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Commercial Box Truck bodies equipped with Truck-Lite Model 21 marker lights mounted on composite plastic corner caps.

Production Dates : APR 01, 2011 - DEC 31, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Because the marker lights on these box trucks are mounted on composite corner caps, if an electrical short occurs in the light and the light overheats, the corner cap could ignite.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If a fire develops, there is a risk of personal injury or property damage.

Description of the Cause : Moisture introduced through unknown means may corrode the metal connector.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Discoloration, deformity of the light or corner cap, or smoke may be observed. Fuses or resettable breakers located in the chassis may be tripped.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Truck-Lite Co., LLC
Address : 310 E. Elmwood Ave.
Falconer NEW YORK 14733
Country : United States

Chronology :

December 2014: Supreme learned of a fire on a box truck equipped with a Truck-Lite Model 21 marker light mounted on a composite plastic corner cap.

May 2015: Lab investigation undertaken; corrosion in the light connector identified as a potential cause of an electrical short, leading to the fire. Supreme began to monitor units in the field for further incidents.

January – April 2016: Supreme received additional reports of fires that appeared to initiate at the composite plastic corner caps. Additional lab testing confirmed the presence of corrosion at the light's metal connectors, indicating that moisture was being introduced. Supreme continued to investigate the possible source(s) or cause(s) of moisture intrusion, which could include damaged lights (e.g., impact by tree branch, etc.), improper replacement practices, or otherwise. To date, Supreme has not definitively identified the cause of the moisture intrusion.

May 3, 2016: Although Supreme has not yet identified a specific defect in the light or electrical system, the company decided to conduct this recall to provide additional circuit protection such that if a short occurs, there will be a reduced risk of thermal damage or fire.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Owners will be advised to contact Supreme to schedule the installation of an in-line fuse of suitable amperage in the marker light circuit and an associated decal instructing the user not to replace the fuse with a larger fuse at an approved service center.

How Remedy Component Differs NR
from Recalled Component :

Identify How/When Recall Condition NR
was Corrected in Production :

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 24, 2016 - JUN 24, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 27, 2016 - JUN 29, 2016

* NR - Not Reported