

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 16V-599

**Manufacturer Name :** Autocar Industries, LLC

**Submission Date :** AUG 11, 2016

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-599

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** ACTT-1601



## Manufacturer Information :

## Population :

**Manufacturer Name :** Autocar Industries, LLC

**Number of potentially involved :** 294

**Address :** 551 South Washington Street  
Hagerstown IN 47346

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

**Company phone :** 765-489-5499

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2016-2017 Autocar Xspotter

**Vehicle Type :** BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

**Body Style :** OTHER

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** Steering column internal shaft weld may fail.

**Production Dates :** AUG 03, 2015 - APR 21, 2016

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 516G4G412GH219658 **End :** 516H4GB28HH222100  Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The steering column internal shaft weld can break, potentially resulting in the separation of the steering wheel from the steering system.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Separation of the steering wheel from the steering system results in loss of steering, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

**Description of the Cause :** A low voltage situation occurred during welding by the supplier, which resulted in poor fusion of the two components.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : AMA USA, Inc.  
Address : 7998 Georgetown Road  
Indianapolis INDIANA 46268  
Country : United States

**Chronology :**

14 July 2016 - Autocar learned of a failure in the field. 19 July 2016 – Autocar provided the failed part to the supplier for determination of root cause. 29 July 2016 - Supplier presented root cause and confirmed lot identification. 8 August 2016 - Autocar decided to initiate a Safety Recall.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Autocar will voluntarily initiate an owner notification and recall of all affected vehicles. Autocar will distribute to owners of affected vehicles an Owner Notification Letter which will describe the defect and provide instructions for scheduling repair of the vehicle at no cost to the owner.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Trucks built after 21 April 2016 do not contain the failed part.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Owner notification letter mailing will begin and end on 7 October 2016. Distributor notification will begin and end on 3 October 2016.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 03, 2016 - OCT 03, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 07, 2016 - OCT 07, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported