



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Amy Noce
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NEF-150KS
17V-120

Subject: Loss of Rear Brake Power from Leaking Banjo Bolts

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:

AEV/TRAUMAHAWK/2017

Mfr's Report Date: February 27, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-120

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 16

Problem Description:

Halcore Group, Inc. (Halcore) is recalling certain 2017 American Emergency Vehicle (AEV) Traumahawk Type I ambulances built on Ford F-350, F-450, or F-550 chassis equipped with Compressible Liquid Adaptive Suspension Systems (C.L.A.S.S.) made by LiquidSpring. Due to an incorrect torque specification, the rear brake caliper banjo bolts may have been overtightened.

Consequence:

The improperly tightened banjo bolts may result in a partial or complete loss of rear brake power, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Halcore will notify owners, and LiquidSpring dealers will replace the rear brake banjo bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during March 2017. Owners may contact LiquidSpring customer service at 1-765-474-7816 extension 1 or at service@liquidspring.com or AEV customer service at 1-800-374-9749.

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.

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