



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Jim Adair  
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Schwarze Industries, Inc.  
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Huntsville, AL 35811

NEF-150MR  
17V-214

**Subject:** Air Brakes may Leak/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Adair:

This letter serves to acknowledge Schwarze Industries, 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:**

SCHWARZE/A7 TORNADO STREET SWEEPER/2013-2017  
SCHWARZE/A8 TWISTER STREET SWEEPER/2013-2017  
SCHWARZE/A9 MONSOON STREET SWEEPER/2013-2017  
SCHWARZE/M6 AVALANCHE STREET SWEEP/2013-2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 28, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-214

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 129

**Problem Description:**

Schwarze Industries, Inc. (Schwarze) is recalling certain 2013-2017 A7 Tornado, A8 Twister, A9 Monsoon, and M6 Avalanche street sweepers. The air brake systems on these vehicles may have been manufactured with the wrong fittings, causing the brake lines to leak air, possibly resulting in the vehicle stopping unexpectedly. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

**Consequence:**

If the brakes apply and the vehicle stops unexpectedly, it can increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Schwarze will notify owners, and dealers will replace the incompatible air brake line fittings, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 17, 2017. Owners may contact Schwarze customer service at 1-800-879-7933.

**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](http://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 Schwarze's proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they are currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Timian', with a date '1/10/10' written at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement