



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Brian Dan
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Advance Stores Company, Incorporated
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NEF-150MR
18E-027

Subject: Fuses may not Protect from Excessive Current

Dear Mr. Dan:

This letter serves to acknowledge Advance Stores Company, Incorporated'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:

TOOLWORKS/FUSE KIT TW1489/9999

Mfr's Report Date: April 27, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-027

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:FUSES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,867

Problem Description:

Advance Stores Company, Incorporated (Advance Stores) is recalling certain ToolWorks TW1489 Fuse Kits sold through Advance Auto Parts and Carquest stores. The fuses in the kits may fail to protect the circuit from excessive current.

Consequence:

If the circuit is overloaded and the fuse fails to perform as intended, the vehicle wiring and electrical components could be damaged, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Advance Stores will notify the known purchasers, and replace the fuse kits with those of another brand, and also provide a full refund, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 21, 2018. Owners may contact Advance Stores customer service at 1-877-238-2623, select option 3.

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.

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).

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement