



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

July 18, 2018

Mr. Robert Kolo  
Federal-Mogul Motorparts LLC  
27300 W. 11 Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48034

NEF-150MR  
18E-049

**Subject:** Tie Rod may Loosen and Separate

Dear Mr. Kolo:

This letter serves to acknowledge Federal-Mogul Motorparts LLC'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:**

AC DELCO/TIE ROD END/9999  
MCQUAY-NORRIS/TIE ROD END/9999  
MOOG/TIE ROD END/9999  
NAPA/TIE ROD END/9999  
RAYBESTOS/TIE ROD END/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 27, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18E-049

**Components:**

STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 26,118

**Problem Description:**

Federal-Mogul Motorparts LLC (Federal-Mogul) is recalling certain Tie Rod Ends, NAPA part number 269-6121, AC Delco part number 45A3098, McQuay-Norris part number ES4686E, Raybestos part number 410-1099, and Moog part numbers DS300044, DS800980A, and DS800981A. The crimped portion of the right hand outer tie rod replacement part may loosen allowing the inner and outer portions of the assembly to separate.

**Consequence:**

If the inner and outer portions separate, it can cause a loss of steering ability, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Federal-Mogul will notify its distributors, and provide cards for the distributors to notify the customers that purchased the parts. The right hand outer tie rods subject to this recall installed on vehicles will be replaced at no cost to the vehicle owners. The recall is expected to begin August 8, 2018. Owners may contact Federal-Mogul customer service at 1-877-489-6659.

**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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft distributor 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 distributor notification letter and any subsequent distributor 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](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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement