



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

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NEF-150MR
18E-086

Subject: Capacitor may Fail Causing EV Charger to Overheat

Dear Mr. DiDio:

This letter serves to acknowledge Webasto Charging Systems, 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:

AEROVIRONMENT/TURBOCORD EV CHARGING/9999
AEROVIRONMENT/TURBODOCK EV CHARGING/9999

Mfr's Report Date: August 27, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-086

Components:

EQUIPMENT:ELECTRICAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,528

Problem Description:

Webasto Charging Systems, Inc (Webasto) is recalling certain AeroVironment TurboCord and TurboDock/TurboDX electric vehicle charging systems. Capacitors within these charging systems may fail, possibly resulting in a shock hazard or a fire.

Consequence:

An electrical shock or a fire can increase the risk of injury or death.

Remedy:

Webasto will notify owners, and field service representatives will replace all TurboCord and TurboDock/TurboDX charging systems, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2018. Owners may contact Webasto customer service at 1-888-516-6264.

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 Webasto's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

The purchasers list in the 573 and the list of manufacturers mentioned in the owner notification letter do not match, with Ford not being in the purchasers list. What is the reason for the discrepancy?

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 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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement