

# **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

# March 26, 2018

### TO: Truck Accessories Group Dealers

American Technology Components, Inc. (ATC) has determined that a safety defect may exist in certain 7-way wiring harnesses that were sold to Truck Accessories Group (TAG) between August 2017 and January 2018. A voluntary safety recall has been initiated to address this issue.

#### What Products are Affected?

This recall affects the following part numbers within "work order" (w/o) range of 134287 through 137184:

LEER Part No.	TAG Part No.
138359	140259
201055	201056
202060	202061
142672	142673

## For example:



## What is the Problem?

ATC has learned that the wiring harness encasement may cause a thermal event around the wires, which may lead to melting of the encasement, smoking and, in some instances, fire. If a fire occurs, there is an increased risk of personal injury or property damage. Additionally, the defect could result in a malfunction of the logic circuit that can cause the center high-mounted stop lamp (CHMSL) on the truck cap to operate incorrectly, which can generate in-dash error codes.

We are asking that all users immediately bring their vehicles to their installing dealer to have the harness replaced in accordance with the applicable Technical Service Bulletin and Recall Instructions provided by Truck Accessories Group.

### What Should You Do?

(a) **Recalled product in inventory**: If any of the above-identified harnesses remain in your inventory, **please do not install them**. We require that you quarantine them and contact your regional Truck Accessories Group warranty representative: TAG Midwest: (574) 522-5337 x225; TAG West: (530) 668-6950; or TAG East: (570) 768-6055 for further instructions. These units will be replaced by ATC with redesigned units at no cost.

**IMPORTANT:** Please be reminded that it is a violation of Federal law for you to sell or lease the wire harness assemblies that are covered by this notification. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.

- (b) Products You Sold to Other Resellers: If you sold the recalled products to reselling customers (such as installers and retailers), you must do the following: (1) forward a copy of this letter and attachment(s) to them within five (5) business days of receipt, and (2) provide the contact information for the reselling customers to ATC Warranty Parts and Service at (574) 262-1258. This will facilitate any future notification to those customers. ATC will replace products that remain in your customers' inventory on the same basis as above at no cost.
- (c) <u>Products You Installed or Sold to Consumers:</u> Please review your sales records to identify any consumers to whom you sold the recalled product. ATC will provide NHTSA-approved correspondence to dealers to be sent to end users. You have two options for communicating this Safety Recall to them.
  - i. As set described in the Technical Service Bulletin, assistance for mailing this communication is available to our dealers at no charge through EPI Marketing Services. EPI will mail the required ATC recall correspondence to your end-user customer(s) and include a cover letter with your dealer information as though it came from you. If you choose to utilize EPI Marketing Services, provide your dealer contact information and the list of your retail customers who purchased recalled product via email or standard mail to:

EPI
Attn: Laurie Thurman
65 Clark Road North
Battle Creek, MI
1-269 964-6744 EXTN. 5587
Lthurman@epiinc.com

ii. Alternatively, you may notify your end user customers directly using the enclosed NHTSA-approved notification letter, which provides important information about this recall, including instructions for obtaining a replacement free of charge (parts and labor).

If an owner brings in a vehicle affected by this recall, you should provide them with a replacement harness in accordance with the applicable Technical Service Bulletin provided by Truck Accessories Group.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your regional Truck Accessories Group warranty representative: TAG Midwest: (574) 522-5337 x225; TAG West: (530) 668-6950; or TAG East: (570) 768-6055. Your assistance with this recall is appreciated.

Sincerely,

American Technology Components, Inc. Enclosure (Owner Notification Letter)