



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

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Mr. Todd Lauck
Quality Manager
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NEF-150MR
19V-894

Subject: Loss of Power Steering Assist

Dear Mr. Lauck:

This letter serves to acknowledge Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, 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:

MAINTAINER/CUSTOM BODY/2019

Mfr's Report Date: December 16, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-894

Components:

STEERING:HYDRAULIC POWER ASSIST SYSTEM
SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Inc. (Maintainer) is recalling one 2019 Custom Bodies Heavy Rescue emergency response vehicle. The front shocks may separate from their upper mount on the front suspension. The loose shock may contact and damage the steering gear housing, possibly causing a steering fluid leak and a loss of power steering assist.

Consequence:

A loss of power steering assist increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Maintainer has notified the owner, and a Spartan dealer will install new shock bolts, and shims if necessary, free of charge. The recall began December 20, 2019. Owners may contact Maintainer customer service at 1-800-831-8588 or Spartan customer service at 1-800-543-5008.

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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement