



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Rick Wolthuizen  
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Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Inc.  
1701 2nd Avenue  
Sheldon, IA 51201

NEF-107MR  
21V-503

**Subject:** Rear LED Lights Too Bright/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Wolthuizen:

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/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 1, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21V-503

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1

**Problem Description:**

Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Inc. (Maintainer) is recalling one 2015 Custom Bodies Heavy Rescue Truck. The all-in-one rear LED lights may be too bright, exceeding the maximum light output allowed which may adversely affect the vision of drivers. As such, this vehicle fails to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

**Consequence:**

The excessive brightness may affect the vision of other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Maintainer will notify the owner, and provide instructions on how to obtain a filter kit from the light manufacturer, free of charge. The owner notification letter is expected to be mailed in July 2021. Owners may contact Maintainer's customer service at 1-800-831-8588.

**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.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

We have received Maintainer's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.



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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement