

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 21E-006

**Manufacturer Name :** Putco Inc

**Submission Date :** FEB 05, 2021

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21E-006

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Putco Inc

**Address :** 5701 NE 22nd St

Des Moines IA 50313

**Company phone :** 800-247-3974

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 31,716

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

## Equipment Information :

**Brand / Trade 1 :** Putco Inc

**Model :** Nitro-Lux LED Headlamp Bulb

**Part No. :** 700004 thru 709012

**Size :** NR

**Function :** Replacemnt Bulb

**Descriptive Information :** Putco is recalling all Nitro-Lux LED replacement headlamp bulbs sold in the United States. The recall includes 31,716 Nitro-Lux replacement headlamp bulbs. The recall does not apply to bulbs sold outside the United States.

**Production Dates :** OCT 22, 2018 - JAN 19, 2021

## Description of Noncompliance :

**Description of the Noncompliance :** The Nitro-Lux LED replacement headlamp bulbs do not meet certain dimensional standards for replaceable light sources set by FMVSS 108, and exceed the luminous flux standards for replaceable light sources established by FMVSS 108.

**FMVSS 1 :** 108 - Lamps, reflective devices, and assoc. Equipment

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** The Nitro-Lux LED replacement headlamp bulbs may, in certain applications, create excessive glare or brightness for oncoming drivers. There are currently no known instances of crash caused by glare or brightness from the Nitro-Lux LED bulbs.

**Description of the Cause :** Excessive glare may result because luminous flux output of the Nitro-Lux LED replacement headlamp bulbs exceed the luminous flux limitations of FMVSS 108.

Identification of Any Warning NR  
that can Occur :

## Involved Components :

Component Name : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

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Country : NR

## Chronology :

On or about October 14, 2020, NHTSA sent Putco an Information Request to investigate the compliance of LED replacement headlamp bulbs Putco offers for sale in the United States with FMVSS 108. Through the course of that investigation, Putco determined that the Nitro-Lux bulbs exceeded luminous flux standards under FMVSS 108. Putco also determined that the Nitro-Lux bulbs failed to meet dimensional standards of FMVSS 108.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Putco will send a recall notice to all distributors of its Nitro-Lux LED Headlamp Bulbs and to each customer who purchased Nitro-Lux LED bulbs directly from Putco, and also publish the recall notice on its website. Putco will offer to replace Nitro-Lux LED bulbs with halogen headlamp bulbs that comply with FMVSS 108. To qualify for such replacement, a claimant must fill out a recall request form on Putco's website and provide proof of the number of Nitro-Lux bulbs purchased. Putco will then directly ship the requisite number of halogen headlamp bulbs to the consumer along with a pre-paid shipping label for return of the Nitro-Lux bulbs to Putco for disposal.

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** The remedy component will be an FMVSS 108 compliant halogen headlamp bulb as opposed to an LED bulb.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** Putco discontinued sale of the Nitro-Lux LED bulbs in the United States for headlamp applications as of February 1, 2021.

## Recall Schedule :

**Description of Recall Schedule :** Putco will send notice of the recall to all consumers, distributors or other resellers who purchased Nitro-Lux LED bulbs directly from Putco on March 1, 2021, via either United States mail or e-mail. Putco will also post a notice of the recall on its website on the same date. Putco does not have names or addresses for consumers who purchased from a distributor or other reseller. Putco will request that distributors or other resellers post notice of the recall and will ask these distributors and resellers to provide it with contact information for purchasers of Nitro-Lux bulbs. Putco will provide a recall notice, via e-mail or U.S. mail, to each purchaser for whom it is provided contact information by distributors or resellers.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** MAR 01, 2021 - MAR 01, 2021

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** MAR 01, 2021 - APR 02, 2021

## Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

**Name :** NR

**Address :** NR

NR

**Country :** NR

**Company Phone :** NR

\* NR - Not Reported