

November 2021

To: All Schwarze-affiliated Dealers

Subject: **Notification of Safety Recall 21V-816, New Vehicle Hold**
MYs 2012 – 2020 Avalanche M6TE, M6SE, and M6SE CNG
Outside Switch Box

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL:

On October 18, Schwarze Industries, Inc., filed a Defect Information Report with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) informing the agency that in certain Avalanche M6 sweepers, the outside switch box, from which the operator can control the position of the conveyor, can be activated unintentionally when the vehicle is running. If the vehicle operator has not completed lock out/tag out procedures and not installed the conveyor safety pins to keep the retracted conveyor in place, but enters the area between the hopper and the conveyor, the operator can unintentionally activate the switch that advances the conveyor, thereby pinning the operator between the hopper and the conveyor. This presents a crushing hazard, increasing the risk of serious injury or death.

AFFECTED VEHICLES:

Make and Model	Model Years	Number of vehicles	Production Period
Avalanche M6TE, M6SE, and M6SE CNG	2012 - 2020	547	October 26, 2012 – December 11, 2020

REMEDY:

Remedy parts are available. Dealers will install an Outside Switch Guard and two crushing hazard Warning Decals. This service must be performed on all affected vehicles **at no charge** to the vehicle owner. Attached please find the service procedure for completing this repair. The repair takes about 30 minutes to complete.

REIMBURSEMENT:

Schwarze will provide the remedy kit to dealers at no charge and will reimburse dealers directly for performing this remedy.

OWNER LETTER MAILING DATE:

Schwarze will notify owners of this safety recall by December 17, 2021.

CUSTOMER CONTACTS:

Dealers should repair any Avalanche M6 sweeper covered by this safety recall that arrives at their dealerships, whether or not the owner has received a safety recall letter. The Schwarze Warranty Department (at 800-879-7934 or warranty@schwarze.com) is available to support you in executing a customer-friendly process for remedying these vehicles.

NEW VEHICLES IN DEALER INVENTORY:

Schwarze does not believe there are any covered vehicles in dealers' inventory. However, **it is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect is remedied.** Violation of this requirement by a dealer could result in a civil penalty against the dealer of up to \$22,723 per vehicle. Accordingly, you must remedy covered vehicles in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.

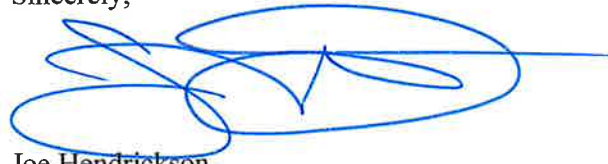
In addition, we request that you remedy before delivery into commerce under a sale or lease any covered pre-owned vehicles in your inventory

QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE:

For questions and assistance, including help in identifying whether any vehicles in your inventory are covered by this safety recall, please contact the Schwarze Warranty Department at 800-879-7934 or warranty@schwarze.com.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Hendrickson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joe Hendrickson
Vice President of Sales, Marketing, and Customer
Service
Schwarze Industries, Inc.

Attachment: Service Procedure