



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

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Clint Towles
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NEF-107KL
22E-026

Subject: Fuel Tubes May Crack and Leak Fuel

Dear Clint Towles:

This letter serves to acknowledge Watson Hopper'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:

WATSON HOPPER/X12 POWER MODULE/9999

Mfr's Report Date: March 25, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-026

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL:FUEL INJECTION SYSTEM:FUEL RAIL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11

Problem Description:

Watson Hopper (Watson Hopper) is recalling certain X12 Power Modules. The fuel tubes between the fuel rail and the injector for cylinders 4, 5 and 6 may be susceptible to cracking, resulting in a high pressure fuel leak.

Consequence:

A high pressure fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

On engines with 75 miles or less, Cummins dealers will install vibration isolators to the fuel tubes. Engines with more than 75 miles will receive new fuel tubes with vibration isolators, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 18, 2022. Owners may contact Watson Hopper customer service at 1-970-874-7410.

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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. Please include the date that Watson Hopper learned of the defect and the date that Watson Hopper decided to file a recall.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Based on the provided remedy plan, it appears that your company may not be able to provide the required recall completion rate quarterly reports. If another company intends to file the report with detailed information about your company's remedy counts, please state so in the remedy section of the 573.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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 eight 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.

Watson Hopper's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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