



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

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Mr. Michael Laskaris
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NEF-107KL
22E-037

Subject: Loss of Vehicle Lighting

Dear Mr. Laskaris:

This letter serves to acknowledge Weldon Division of Akron Brass'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:

WELDON/V-MUX HERCULES HC NODE/9999

Mfr's Report Date: May 5, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-037

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 860

Problem Description:

Weldon Division of Akron Brass (Akron Brass) is recalling certain V-mux Hercules HC Node 1.5 electrical multiplex modules, with part number 6060-1000-00. An additional resistor was inadvertently installed on the printed circuit board, which can disrupt CAN network communication and cause vehicle lighting to fail.

Consequence:

Inoperable vehicle lighting can reduce visibility and increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Weldon will work with vehicle manufacturers and provide replacement modules, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in May 2022. Owners may contact Akron Brass customer service at 1-800-228-1161. Akron Brass number for this recall is TSB 22-001.

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:

In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective or noncomplying component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

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.

Weldon Division of Akron Brass'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
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement