

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

May 20, 2022

Alfredo Gomez Vice President & General Counsel Carparts.com, Inc. 2050 W. 190th Street Suite 4000 Torrance, CA 90504

**Subject:** Oil Filter Housing May Leak

Dear Alfredo Gomez:

This letter serves to acknowledge Carparts.com, 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:

EVAN-FISCHER/OIL FILTER HOUSING/9999 REPLACEMENT/OIL FILTER HOUSING/999

Mfr's Report Date: May 16, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-039

### **Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE: OIL/LUBRICATION: FILTER/SCREEN

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,450

## **Problem Description:**

Carparts.com, Inc. (Carparts.com) is recalling certain Replacement, and Evan-Fischer Oil Filter Housings, part number RD31260001. The welded plugs inside the oil filter housing may not have a proper seal, which can result in an oil leak.

#### **Consequence:**

An oil leak in the presence of an ignition source such as hot engine components, can increase the risk of a fire. Loss of oil can also result in the engine seizing, increasing the risk of a crash.

# Remedy:

Carparts.com will replace the oil filter housing or provide a full refund, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 26, 2022. Owners may contact Carparts.com customer service at 1-866-529-0412.

# **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.



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# Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

Carparts.com, Inc.'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

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