

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 8, 2023

Mr. Appie Theron Autocar, LLC 551 S Washington Street Hagerstown, IN 47346

Subject: Park Brake Warning Light May Illuminate in Error

Dear Mr. Theron:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar, LLC'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.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107MR

23V-400

# Makes/Models/Model Years:

AUTOCAR/LEGEND/2020-2023 AUTOCAR/XPEDITOR/2016-2023

Mfr's Report Date: June 2, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-400

**Components:** 

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: INSTRUMENT CLUSTER/PANEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10.894

## **Problem Description:**

Autocar, LLC (Autocar) is recalling certain 2016-2023 ACX (Xpeditor) and 2020-2023 DC (Legend) vehicles. The park brake warning light may incorrectly illuminate during an air loss event. As such, these trucks fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 101, "Control and Displays."

#### **Consequence:**

A park brake warning light that illuminates incorrectly increases the risk of a crash.

# Remedy

The remedy is currently under development. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 31, 2023. Owners may contact Autocar customer service at 1-888-218-3611. Autocar's numbers for this recall is ACX-2307 and DC-2303.

# **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:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Autocar, LLC's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

