

**AUTOCAR, LLC SAFETY RECALL ACX-2312 DC-2307** 

December 2023

#### **ATTENTION:**

Service Managers / Parts Managers.

#### SUBJECT:

Autocar, LLC has determined the lug nuts may not be properly secured on certain ACX (Xpeditor and DC (Legend) vehicles.

#### **SAFETY RECALL INFORMATION:**

This Recall Bulletin provides instructions for securing the lug nuts.

#### **VEHICLES AFFECTED:**

Certain 2023 model year ACX (Xpeditor) and DC (Legend) chassis. The ACX chassis were manufactured between January 11, 2023, and August 21, 2023, with non-sequential serial numbers in the range of 240101 through 244469. The DC chassis were manufactured between January 4, 2023, and June 1, 2023, with non-sequential serial numbers in the range of 241027 through 244111.

## THERE ARE NO PARTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SAFETY RECALL SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY:

Service sites must perform this Recall on affected vehicles at no charge to the owner regardless of vehicle mileage, age, or ownership. If a vehicle affected by this Recall is taken into or is currently in your vehicle inventory, or at your center for service, you must perform this Recall before the vehicle is sold or released to the owner.

#### CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT:

Submit a claim for reimbursement in accordance with Autocar's Warranty Administration Manual with the following claim coding information.

#### **CLAIM CODING INFORMATION:**

### ACX vehicles DC vehicles

Labor Operation Code Number	Time Allowance SRT	Description
65307-5-01	1.0 HR	Tightening Lug Nuts

Labor Operation Code Number	Time Allowance SRT	Description
65307-5-02	1.0 HR	Tightening Lug Nuts

**CLAIM CODING INFORMATION:** 



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#### **SAFETY NOTICES:**



Allow the vehicle's engine and cooling system to cool to ambient temperature before performing the repair procedure. A hot engine or cooling assembly may cause burns or other personal injury.

## **MARNING**

Never rely on the hydraulic pressure to hold the cab in an open position. Always use the safety pin in the cab tilt lock tube to prevent serious personal injury or death.

### 🛕 WARNING

To prevent eye injury, always wear eye protection when performing vehicle maintenance, service or inspection.

## **⚠** WARNING

Before working on a vehicle, set the parking brake, place the transmission in neutral and block the wheels. Failure to do so can result in unexpected vehicle movement and can cause serious personal injury or death.



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#### Working on CNG/LNG Trucks

## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

If you store or dispense Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), or if you work on CNG or LNG trucks, your location must be fully compliant with applicable codes, regulations and standards, including National Fire Protection Associate (NFPA) codes, Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) standards, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) standards, the United States Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and your state and local fire and other applicable codes (including, for example, the California Code of Regulations and the Texas Administrative Code).

Contact your local fire department for guidance and additional compliance information.

Technicians working on Autocar trucks with CNG or LNG engines must be trained in the proper repair of CNG and LNG trucks and engines and the safe storage and dispensing of CNG and LNG.

### **Working on CNG Fuel Systems**

## **MARNING**

CNG fuel systems include a high pressure (3600 psi) system for fuel storage and a low pressure system (125 psi) for consumption by the engine. Understanding the characteristics of CNG and how the fuel system works will prevent injury and damage to persons and property.

Attempting to operate or maintain any CNG fuel system without proper training is dangerous. Complete training and consult instructional bulletins from the CNG system suppliers, such as Agility Fuel Systems' Field Service Bulletin, Safely Working on CNG Fuel Systems.

### Welding and Hot Work Near CNG and LNG Trucks

### **MARNING**

Welding, grinding, and other "hot work" can be safely performed on or near a CNG or LNG vehicle, but certain precautions must be followed. Understand and perform the necessary precautions provided by the CNG system suppliers, such as Agility Fuel Systems' Field Service Bulletin, Welding and Hot Work Precautions Near CNG and LNG Vehicles.



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#### **CNG Cylinders**



CNG fuel containers must meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 304 (Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity) and/or ANSI/CSANGV2 (Basic Requirements for Compressed Natural Gas Vehicle Fuel Containers). Both standards specify a detailed visual examination every three years.

Truck owners are required to complete all necessary inspections, in accordance with the applicable standards and other resources, such as the Clean Vehicle Education Foundation and NGVAmerica's Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Container Visual Inspection Advisory.

FMVSS 304 also requires that cylinders not be used after the end of life (EOL) date provided on the tank label. The EOL date is also displayed in the engine compartment and at the fueling connection of each truck. If there are any question as to proper decommissioning of a cylinder, contact the manufacturer, whose name and address is also required to be on the label.

#### **CNG Fuel Container Pressure Relief Devices (PRDs)**

## **WARNING**

PRDs must be properly maintained and positioned for safe operation of a CNG fuel system. Missing vent caps can allow moisture into PRDs and vent lines, which can freeze and damage these safety components. Debris which clogs the PRDs and/or vent lines can prevent proper function.

PRDs must be positioned to vent upward, not outward, from a vehicle.

Ensure that every truck owner completes periodic inspections of the PRDs and vent lines and systems, in accordance with guidance provided by the system component suppliers.

#### Alert First Responders to CNG and LNG

## 🛕 DANGER

In the event of a fire or other emergency, alert first responders to the presence and location of CNG fuel systems, tanks and dispensers. Ensure that emergency personnel are aware of proper precautions, such as those provided in Agility's *First Responder Guide: CNG and LNG Vehicle Fuel Systems*.



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#### LOCKOUT/TAGOUT PROCEDURES:

### A CAUTION

Before entering the vehicle or vehicle body, read and follow OSHA regulations concerning entry and working in "CONFINED SPACE" OSHA 1910.146 and "LOCKOUT/TAGOUT" OSHA 1910.147. Follow OSHA regulations while performing any work on the vehicle. The vehicle must be disabled by the following steps before performing any work on the vehicle:

- 1. Place the transmission in NEUTRAL.
- 2. Set the parking brake.
- 3. Shut the engine OFF.
- 4. Lock cab doors, keep the key in your pocket. Block the wheels before entering the body or performing any work on the vehicle.
- 5. Turn the battery disconnect switch OFF, if equipped.
- 6. Completely drain the air from the primary/A system and secondary/B system by opening the drain valves on the air tanks themselves or by using the drain manifold if supplied. When draining the air tanks, do not look into the area where air is draining. Dirt or sludge particles may be expelled in the air stream and can cause eye injury.
- 7. Place magnetic "DANGER" signs on both cab doors before entering the body or performing any work on the vehicle.
- 8. Take proper precautions before working under the vehicle. Use ramps approved for the weight of your vehicle, or use floor jacks and stands. Never work under a vehicle supported by jacks alone. Always use jack stands to support the vehicle.



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#### **Tightening Lug Nuts**

- 1. Follow all lockout/tagout procedures and verify the battery disconnect switch is in the "OFF" position. If the unit is not equipped with a battery disconnect switch, disconnect the battery cables beginning with the negative cables, followed by the positive cables.
- 2. Chock the wheels.
- 3. Tighten all lug nuts to 475 Lbs. Ft of torque (see Figure 1).

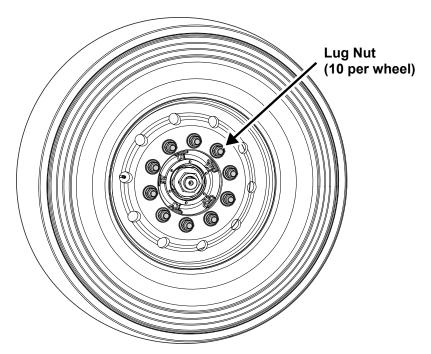


Figure 1

- 4. Unchock the wheels and turn on the battery disconnect switch or re-connect the battery cables beginning with the positive cables followed by the negative cables.
- Repairs are complete.

Note: If you have questions or concerns regarding this Safety Recall, please contact Autocar technical support at 888-218-3611.