



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 26, 2024

Mr. Dominick Gaetano  
Warranty Administrator / AEV  
Halcore Group, Inc.  
165 American Way  
Jefferson, NC 28640

NEF-107SS  
24V-120

**Subject:** Damaged Brake Line May Leak Brake Fluid

Dear Mr. Gaetano:

This letter serves to acknowledge Halcore Group, 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:**

HORTON/FORD F-450/2023  
HORTON/FORD F-550/2023  
HORTON/FORD F-600/2023

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 19, 2024

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 24V-120

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 34

**Problem Description:**

Halcore Group, Inc. (Halcore) is recalling certain 2023 Horton emergency vehicles built on Ford F450, F550, and F600 chassis. The left rear steel brake line can contact the strut mount when the rear suspension is lowered, damaging the brake line.

**Consequence:**

A damaged line can leak brake fluid, causing a loss of brakes and increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will replace and secure the brake line as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed March 19, 2024. Owners may contact Halcore customer service at 1-800-447-0343.

**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](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

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 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.

Halcore Group, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by email at [sarah.shiver@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.shiver@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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