

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 21, 2017

Mr. John Natoci Streetcar ORV LLC 51960 West 12 Mile Road Wixom, MI 48393 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 17V-499

**Subject:** Wheels may Fracture Causing Rapid Air Loss

Dear Mr. Natoci:

This letter serves to acknowledge Streetcar ORV 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.

## Makes/Models/Model Years:

RAM/2500/2013-2017 RAM/3500/2013-2017

Mfr's Report Date: August 10, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-499

**Components:** WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 110

# **Problem Description:**

Streetcar ORV LLC, dba American Expedition Vehicles (AEV) is recalling certain 2013-2017 RAM 2500 and 3500 heavy duty trucks, modified by AEV to be equipped with cast aluminum Katla 8.5" road wheels. The outer surface of the wheel may fracture, resulting in rapid air loss.

### **Consequence:**

If the wheel fractures, a loss of vehicle control can occur, increasing the risk of a crash.

#### Remedy

AEV will notify owners, and dealers will replace the wheels with wheels of similar value, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 31, 2017. Owners may contact AEV customer service at 1-248-926-0256 extension 500.

## **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.safercar.gov.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 six 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.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

