



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 12, 2018

Mr. Ken Axe
Reading Truck Body, LLC.
201 Hancock Boulevard
Reading, PA 19611

NEF-150MR
18E-021

Subject: Truck Panel Body may Crack at Bottom Flange

Dear Mr. Axe:

This letter serves to acknowledge Reading Truck Body, 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:
READING/PANEL BODY/9999

Mfr's Report Date: April 5, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-021

Components:
STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,321

Problem Description:

Reading Truck Body, LLC. (Reading) is recalling certain 108 inch and 132 inch Standard Production Panel Bodies. The bottom flange of the rear cross member may crack where the truck body sits on the chassis frame, potentially damaging the turn signal wiring.

Consequence:

Damaged turn signal wiring can cause the turn signals to function improperly, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Reading will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the panel body for cracks, and either install reinforcement brackets, or replace the truck body, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin June 1, 2018. Owners may contact Reading customer service at 1-800-458-2226.

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:

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 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