



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Samuel Petit  
After-Sale Technician  
Simard Suspensions inc  
1064 mgr de laval  
Baie-St-Paul G3Z 2W9

NEF-150MR  
18E-041

**Subject:** Wheel Guards may Melt from Brake Heat

Dear Mr. Petit:

This letter serves to acknowledge Simard Suspensions 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:**

SIMARD/FRONT SUSPENSION/9999  
SIMARD/REAR SUSPENSION/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 15, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18E-041

**Components:**

SUSPENSION  
WHEELS:CAP/COVER/HUB

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 69

**Problem Description:**

Simard Suspensions Inc (Simard) is recalling certain front suspensions. These axles have plastic insulators installed between the wheel hub and the wheel or the brake drum and the wheel to prevent corrosion between the two components. Heat generated by the brakes may melt these insulators.

**Consequence:**

If the insulators melt, it can cause the wheel to loosen and detach from the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Simard will notify owners, and dealers will remove or replace the insulators, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2018. Owners may contact Simard customer service at 1-877-989-8317 or email: [service@simardsuspensions.com](mailto:service@simardsuspensions.com).

**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](http://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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement