



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

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Mr. Todd Lauck
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NEF-150MR
18V-669

Subject: Hydraulic Pump Causing Driveshaft Wear

Dear Mr. Lauck:

This letter serves to acknowledge Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, 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:

MAINTAINER/SERVICE/MECHANICBODY FORD/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: September 25, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-669

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 32

Problem Description:

Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Inc. (Maintainer) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Maintainer Service Mechanic Bodies mounted on Ford F-Series Super Duty trucks. These vehicles have a FORCE America Hydraulic pump that can interfere with the front axle driveshaft when the front suspension is fully articulated, causing wear and the possible premature failure of the driveshaft.

Consequence:

Interference with the front axle driveshaft could cause the drive shaft to separate, resulting in damage to other nearby components, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Maintainer will notify owners, and dealers will replace the existing pump with a different brand hydraulic pump, and inspect the front axle driveshaft for damage, replacing it as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2018. Owners may contact Maintainer customer service at 1-800-831-8588.

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.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13 of this part. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA under this section. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

We have received Maintainer's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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