



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

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Mr. Todd Lauck
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NEF-150MR
19V-155

Subject: Brake Lights may Randomly Illuminate

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/RESCUE/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: March 1, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-155

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12

Problem Description:

Maintainer Corporation of Iowa, Inc. (Maintainer) is recalling certain 2017-2018 MCB Custom Bodies Responders/Rescue Walkaround vehicles equipped with Whelen brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, these brake lights may illuminate when the brake pedal has not been pressed.

Consequence:

If the brake lights incorrectly illuminate, it can confuse other drivers, possibly increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Maintainer will notify owners instructing them how to obtain replacement brake lights, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Maintainer customer service at 1-800-831-8588 or Whelen customer service at 1-860-718-2331.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on September 12, 2018, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Maintainer to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

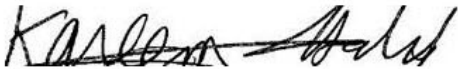
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

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,



Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement