

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

April 4, 2019

Mr. Ryan Falke Director of Quality and Continuous Improvement Marion Body Works Inc. 211 W. Ramsdell St. Marion, WI 54950

NEF-150MR

19V-159

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Falke:

This letter serves to acknowledge Marion Body Works 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:

MARION/FIRE AND EMERGENCY/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: March 1, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-159

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18

Problem Description:

Marion Body Works Inc. (Marion) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Fire and Emergency Apparatus vehicles equipped with Whelen brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, these brake lights may illuminate when the brake pedal is not being pressed. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

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

Remedy:

Marion will notify owners, and Whelen will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2019. Owners may contact Whelen customer service at 1-860-526-4078.

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.

We have received Marion's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution after our edits have been incorporated.

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).

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

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Office of Defects Investigations

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