

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

April 4, 2019

Mr. Robert Sorensen Vice President SVI Trucks 3842 Redman Drive Fort Collins, CO 80524 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-150MR 19V-161

**Subject:** Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

This letter serves to acknowledge SVI Trucks'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:

SVI TRUCKS/FIRE ENGINE/2018 SVI TRUCKS/HAZ-MAT/2018 SVI TRUCKS/HEAVY RESCUE/2018 SVI TRUCKS/LIGHT RESCUE/2018 SVI TRUCKS/SVI TRUCKS/2018 SVI TRUCKS/WILDLAND/2018

Mfr's Report Date: March 1, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-161

**Components:** 

**EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS** 

Potential Number of Units Affected: 16

# **Problem Description:**

SVI Trucks (SVI) is recalling certain 2018 Light Rescue, Heavy Rescue, Fire Engine, Haz-Mat and Wildland emergency 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. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of 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, possibly increasing the risk of a crash.

#### Remedy

SVI Trucks has notified owners and Whelen will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall began March 22, 2019. Owners may contact 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.

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

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