



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Greg Blanchat
Owner
Blanchat Mfg., Inc.
10 NW 92 Rd.
PO Box 444
Harper, KS 67058

NEF-150MR
19V-255

Subject: Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate

Dear Mr. Blanchat:

This letter serves to acknowledge Blanchat Mfg., 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:

RAM/5500/2018

Mfr's Report Date: March 28, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-255

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

Blanchat Mfg., Inc. (Blanchat) is recalling one 2018 B-27 Minuteman vehicle built on a RAM 5500 chassis and equipped with Whelen brake lights recalled under 18E-063. 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:

Blanchat has notified the owner, and will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall began March 19, 2019. Owners may contact Blanchat customer service at 1-620-896-7145.

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, including a copy of the 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kareem Habib", written over a horizontal line.

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