



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Brendan Byford
CFO
Spencer Manufacturing, Inc.
165 Veterans Blvd
South Haven, MI 49090

NEF-150MR
19V-305

Subject: Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate

Dear Mr. Byford:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spencer Manufacturing, 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:

SPENCER/FIRE TRUCK/2017-2019

Mfr's Report Date: April 17, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-305

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12

Problem Description:

Spencer Manufacturing, Inc. is recalling certain 2017 TM-3000 (1426), TM-1000 (1427) and TM-1000 (1428) Fire Trucks, 2018 WS-3900 (1429), SM-2000 (1430), WS-2000 (1431), Rescue (1440), Grass Rig (1443) and SM-1000 (1444) Fire Trucks, and 2019 TM-1000 (1434), TM-1000 (1433), and TM-1000 (1432) Fire Trucks, equipped with Whelen accessory 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:

Spencer will notify owners, and Whelen will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Whelen customer service at 1-860-718-2331 or Spencer Manufacturing at 1-269-637-9459.

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:

- A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning; or a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement