

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 11, 2019

Mr. Appie Theron Autocar, LLC 551 S Washington Street Hagerstown, IN 47346 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 19V-354

Subject: Delayed Brake Release/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Theron:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autocar, LLC'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:

AUTOCAR/XPEDITOR/2019-2020

Mfr's Report Date: May 13, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-354

**Components:** 

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected: 23** 

## **Problem Description:**

Autocar, LLC (Autocar) is recalling certain 2019-2020 Xpeditor vehicles. The rear axle brake may have a delayed release. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

#### **Consequence:**

A delayed brake release may increase the risk of crash.

### Remedy:

Autocar will notify owners, and dealers will re-work the air brake systems, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 8, 2091. Owners may contact Autocar customer service at 1-888-218-3611 or 1-877-973-3486. Autocar's number for this recall is ACX-1905.

#### **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.

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,

Joshua Neff

Acting Chief, Recall Management Division

Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

