

September 25, 2019

Mr. Harold Meyer VP, Service & Support Transportation Power, Inc. 2415 Auto Park Way Escondido, CA 92029

Subject: No Electronic Stability Control System/FMVSS 136

Dear Mr. Meyer:

This letter serves to acknowledge Transportation Power, 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: PETERBILT/579/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: September 17, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-657

**Components:** ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 12

## **Problem Description:**

Transportation Power, Inc. (TransPower) is recalling certain 2017-2018 electric trucks built on Peterbilt 579 chassis. The vehicles do not have stabilization hardware and software that interacts with the braking system. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 136, "Electronic Stability Control Systems on Heavy Vehicles."

## **Consequence:**

Without a Electronic Stability Control system, there is a greater chance of loss of stability control, which increases the risk of a crash.

## **Remedy:**

TransPower will notify owners, and dealers will install an Electronic Stability Control (ESC) system, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2019. Owners may contact TransPower customer service at 1-858-248-4255.

## 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.



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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 TransPower's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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,

Joshua Neff Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

