



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

August 12, 2020

Mr. Appie Theron  
Autocar, LLC  
551 S Washington Street  
Hagerstown, IN 47346

NEF-150MR  
20V-450

**Subject:** Parking Brake Valve Pump Improperly Assembled

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/2018-2021

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 31, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20V-450

**Components:**

PARKING BRAKE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,086

**Problem Description:**

Autocar, LLC (Autocar) is recalling certain 2018-2021 Xpeditor trucks with a right-hand drive cab configuration equipped with a park brake valve (button) located to the right of the steering wheel. The parking brake synchronization valve plumbing may be improperly assembled, causing the parking brake to apply unexpectedly without warning.

**Consequence:**

Unexpected parking brake application can increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Autocar will notify owners, and dealers will correct the plumbing to allow the system to operate as designed. The recall is expected to begin September 28, 2020. Owners may contact Autocar customer service at 1-888-218-3611 or 1-877-973-3488. Autocar's number for this recall is ACX-2004.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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