



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Jennifer Ligouri  
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NEF-150KL  
21E-006

**Subject:** Bulb Exceeds Luminous Lux Standard/FMVSS 108

Dear Jennifer Ligouri:

This letter serves to acknowledge Putco 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:**

PUTCO/NITRO-LUX LED HEADLAMP/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 1, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21E-006

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:HEADLIGHTS

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:HEADLIGHTS:BULBS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 31,716

**Problem Description:**

Putco Inc (Putco) is recalling certain Nitro-Lux LED Headlamp Bulb part numbers 700004 thru 709012. The headlamp bulbs may cause excessive glare or brightness to oncoming drivers. As such, these bulbs fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

**Consequence:**

Excessive glare or brightness to oncoming drivers can increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Putco will notify owners and distributors, and will replace the LED bulbs with Halogen bulbs, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 1, 2021. Owners may contact Putco customer service at 1-800-247-3974.

**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).

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 Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement