

February 9, 2021

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

Subject: Seat Belt Wiring Harness May Chafe

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: January 28, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-030

**Components:** SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,196

## **Problem Description:**

Autocar, LLC (Autocar) is recalling certain 2018-2021 Xpeditor vehicles. These vehicles may have a seat belt harness routing located too close to the seat mechanism. If the harness chafes and short circuits, the circuit protection fuse will open, and the engine will shut off and not restart.

## **Consequence:**

The vehicle may stall and not restart, without warning, increasing the risk of a crash, personal injury or property damage.

## **Remedy:**

Autocar will notify owners, and dealers will route and secure the seatbelt wiring clear of the seat mechanism, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 25, 2021. Owners may contact Autocar customer service at 1-888-218-3611 or 1-877-973-3486. Autocar's number for this recall is ACX-2101.

## 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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-150MR 21V-030

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,

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

