

***** IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL *****
NHTSA Recall No. 23E025

March 28, 2023

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Dear Cummins OEM Customer:

We are writing to inform you that Cummins Inc. has determined that a safety-related defect exists in certain PowerDrive 7000 BES CM0904 EV104B electric drivetrain systems that were manufactured between June 1, 2018, and October 30, 2021. Cummins has initiated a recall of the subject drivetrain System Control Modules. Our records indicate that some of these components were shipped to you.

A copy of Cummins' initial Part 573 Defect Notification report is enclosed. This notification was submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) on March 27, 2023. As described in the Defect Notification, the System Control Module may activate the anti-rollback feature, causing the vehicle to move backwards uphill at a rate that may exceed certain drivers' expectations. This may occur once the driver releases the brake while the vehicle is in reverse and pointing downhill on a grade greater than approximately 7%, possibly increasing the risk of a crash.

Enclosed is a list of serial numbers for affected drivetrains that our records indicate were shipped to your plants. For drivetrains installed in vehicles that have left your control, we encourage you to make a safety defect determination in accordance with 49 USC 30118 *et seq.* and, as appropriate, to submit a Defect Notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. Cummins will conduct the recall, including notifying owners pursuant to 49 CFR Part 577, performing the remedy, and submitting quarterly status reports to NHTSA. Cummins is requesting that you provide the associated vehicle model identification, VINs and owner contact information to facilitate owner notification. Please work with your Cummins account team leader to ensure that the requested information is provided to Cummins as soon as possible.

As an equipment manufacturer, Cummins has no obligation to file a defect notification to Transport Canada for this recall. If an OEM has an obligation to report the defect to Transport Canada, we ask that you please provide the Transport Canada recall number for your vehicle recall to Cummins. Cummins cannot mail owner letters compliant with Transport Canada regulations without the recall number assigned by Transport Canada. Cummins will provide information to the OEM after mailings are completed so that the OEM can submit the required reports to Transport Canada.

For drivetrains/vehicles that are still in your inventory, please contact Cedrick Kalukuta, at cedrick.s.kalukuta@cummins.com, to arrange for repairs.

Please note that Federal law prohibits delivery of these engines, or vehicles equipped with these engines, under a sale or lease until this condition has been remedied.

Cummins expects to make a field service safety campaign by April 28, 2023, to address this condition.

Cummins apologizes for this inconvenience, but we are initiating this action in the interest of our customers' safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your assistance.

Please confirm receipt of this communication.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Cummins Part 573 Defect Notification
2. List of BES CM0904 EV104B drivetrain systems