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of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V446

Manufacturer Name: Terminal Investment Corporation

Submission Date: Jul 09, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V446

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Terminal Investment Corporation

Address: 66 Cypress Ridge Dr.
Ridgeland SC, 29936

Total number of potentially involved: 76

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2024-2025 TICO Spotter

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Other

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Aug 12, 2024 - Jun 19, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 76

Descriptive Information:

The subject component (TICO PN 420526) is only used on a specific configuration vehicle which uses a High-Mount Air cleaner per our Bill of Material (BOM). To support these builds, TICO issued spot-buy P.O.'s to Blackhawk (formerly known as Reliance)

Blackhawk has physically counted and accounted for all components they purchased for their inventory with the exception of 11 pieces which corresponds to the 11 vehicles identified.

TICO Vehicle numbers: 13486, 13056, 13057, 13058, 13059, 13060, 13061, 13062, 13063, 13064, & 13065

TICO Spot buy PO's:

331139 (First Article 1 pc but adjusted out of inventory in 2023)

345135 – 1 pc

345442 – 12 pcs.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

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Product supplied (TICO PN 420526) was not DOT certified as required for over the road vehicles

FMVSS1: 121 - Air brake systems

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

Reduction in applied braking as the front brakes would not engage should the non-DOT fitting fail.

Description of the cause:

Sub-contractor (Distribution source) provided a similar looking product that was not DOT stamped / certified

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Reduced braking resulting in longer distance to stop, increasing the risk of a crash.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: Distributor

Name: Blackhawk Industries

Address: 10810 East 45th Street
Suite 100
Tulsa OK, 74146

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: 90 degree Elbow 1/2 inch tube push on to 3/8 inch

Component Description: 90 degree Elbow 1/2 inch tube push on to 3/8 inch

Component Part Number: 420526

Chronology

On June 19th, 2025, The TICO Cab shop discovered that PN 420526 for the High Mount air cleaner trucks was incorrect (visually different). The manufacturing personnel brought the concern to the quality and engineering team for review. On Thursday, June 26th, TICO Manufacturing with the Blackhawk team (Subcontractor / distributor) determined that non-DOT product was supplied and potentially built into 11 TICO Spotter vehicles.

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Related NHTSA Recall Number: None

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Locate and replace fitting

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

DOT marking on component.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The last vehicle built with a potentially non-DOT compliant fitting was built on 06/19/2025. Upon discovery, the product line was inspected and purged of all non-DOT compliant fittings. The distribution source also contained all suspect product on 06/19/2025. No other vehicles have been built since that time with non-DOT components.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

Vehicles are under warranty; therefore, no reimbursement plan is required

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer and owner notification letters will be mailed in addition to email notifications coordinating inspection and replacement of all non-DOT compliant fittings under TICO warranty.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 21, 2025 - Aug 29, 2025 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Jul 21, 2025 - Aug 29, 2025 ☐ No Owners

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Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: