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Non-Getman TerraPro Accelerator Pedal

PURPOSE:

To prevent the accelerator pedal assembly from sticking.

VEHICLES INVOLVED:

All TerraPro's, manufactured prior to Getman Corporations acquisition of the TerraPro equipment line, equipped with a metal scissor style accelerator pedal.

The Problem

It has been brought to the attention of Getman Corporation that a recent accident involving a TerraPro in an underground coal mine, leading to the injury of several miner's, was caused by the accelerator pedal assembly sticking. Getman does not accept any liability for the TerraPro's manufactured and sold before the acquisition of the TerraPro design. However in the best interest of the customer we have worked in conjunction with several customers to find a suitable solution to prevent the occurrence of such a failure in the future.

The Proposed Solution

After discussions with the customer who experienced the failure, it was found that the accelerator pedal was stuck in the fully depressed position. This resulted in the driver loosing control of the engine rpm. It would appear that the inside of the metal lip of the pedal came in contact with the outside of the metal pedal mount lip and prevented the pedal from retracting.

To prevent the over travel of the accelerator pedal, one customer has successfully added a bolt to the bottom of the pedal mount plate. This bolt can be adjusted and prevents the pedal from over traveling. Getman believes that this modification to the accelerator pedal mount is rather simple and should prevent further failures. Please refer to the pictures below for installation of the modification. These pictures were provided from work done by a customer in the field. Other methods may be used to prevent the over travel of the accelerator pedal, this is only one known method.

It is also recommended that the bolt be tack welded into place to insure that it doesn't come loose over time.

FIGURE 1.



FIGURE 2.



FIGURE 3.



Getman Corporation, in conjunction with the previous owner of TerraPro and current TerraPro customers, believes that this modification to reduce the over travel of the accelerator pedal should prevent the accelerator pedal from sticking in the future.

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