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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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GREGG AUSTIN
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PRODUCT SAFETY & COMPLIANCE ENGINEER
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NVS-215
05V-047

Subject: VERMEER/BROKEN TONGUE

Dear MR. AUSTIN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
VERMEER/BC1400/2002-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-047

Recall Date: February 08, 2005

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 57

Summary:
ON CERTAIN SINGLE AXLE BRUSH CHIPPER TRAILERS, FATIGUE AND CRACKS CAN OCCUR IN THE TONGUE WELDMENT.

Consequence:
TONGUE FAILURE CAN OCCUR RESULTING IN SEPARATION FROM THE TOWED VEHICLE WHICH CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE TONGUE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 4, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT VERMEER AT 641-628-3141.

Notes:

VERMEER RECALL NO. IK00-1159. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

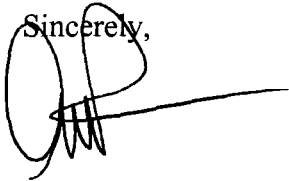
Please mail the original Part 573/Defects and Noncompliance report to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, attention: Mr. George H. Person, Chief, Recall Management Division and change the addressee accordingly.

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. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on March 4, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

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 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).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division