



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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BLAKE THORNSBERRY
MCNEILUS TRUCK & MANUFACTURING
524 COUNTY ROAD 34 EAST
DODGE CENTER MN 55927

NVS-215
05V-357

Subject: FMVSS 120/TIRE LOAD RANGE STEER TIRE AND WHEEL

Dear MR. THORNSBERRY:

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 as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MCNEILUS/ATLANTIC RFEL/2000-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-357

Recall Date: July13, 2005

Components:

TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 107

Summary:

CERTAIN CONCRETE MIXERS AND REFUSE TRUCK BUILT ON MACK CHASSIS FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 120, "TIRE SELECTION AND RIMS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN PASSENGER CARS." THE WHEELS AND TIRES DO NOT MATCH THE CAPACITY THAT THE TRUCKS WOULD REQUIRE.

Consequence:

OMISSION OF THE TIRE LOAD RANGE MAY LEAD TO THE INSTALLATION OF TIRES WITH LOAD RANGES NOT APPROPRIATE FOR VEHICLE USE. A FAILURE OCCURRING IN TIRES DUE TO INAPPROPRIATE LOAD RANGE MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE AND A CRASH CAN OCCUR.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL SUPPLY NEW STEER WHEELS AND TIRES WITH A MINIMUM 10,000 LB. RATING. THE RECALL BEGAN ON MARCH 6, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MCNEILUS AT 507-374-6321.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

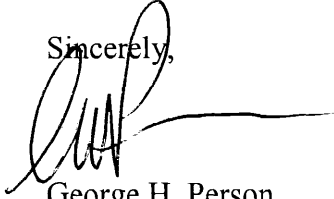
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, all owners have been notified. However, we have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. If the agency feels this campaign is not satisfactorily handled, you may be required to renotify the owners and the renotification letter must meet the requirements of Part 577.

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, owner notification began on March 6, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report is now due. Enclosed is a quarterly report guide for your use.

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 read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure:
Quarterly Report Guide

Vehicle Safety Recall Quarterly Report Information¹

Required per 49 CFR Part 573.7

Report Date: _____

Calendar Quarter: _____

Safety Recall Quarterly Report from _____ through _____

Manufacturer: _____

Report Author: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Recall Subject: _____

1. NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign Number: _____

Also, for completeness, if your company has assigned a code number to this campaign, please provide your code: _____

2. (a) The date notification to purchasers began: _____

(b) The date notification of purchasers was completed: _____

3. **The Total Number of Vehicles Involved:** _____

The total number of vehicles involved in the subject campaign (including all items sold or distributed to purchasers, dealers, distributors, and similar entities beyond the immediate control of the manufacturer/importer).

4. (a) **Total Number Inspected & Remedied:** _____

Total number of vehicles which were inspected and/or otherwise repaired or remedied.

(b) **Total Number Inspected & NOT REQUIRING REMEDY:** _____

Total number of vehicles involved in the recall and inspected, but determined to NOT REQUIRE REMEDIAL or recall repair work.

5. Vehicles Determined to be Unreachable

Total Number Exported: _____

Total Number Stolen: _____

Total Number Scrapped: _____

Total Number Unable to Notify: _____

Total Number Otherwise Unreachable: _____

Describe Other: _____

¹Any Questions please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler or Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.