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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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WAKARUSA IN 46573-0585

NVS-215  
05V-487

Subject: TIRE INFORMATION LABEL/FMVSS 110

Dear MR. MCDONALD:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent 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:**  
UTILIMASTER/2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-487

**Mfg's Report Date:** October 14, 2005

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 993

**Summary:**

CERTAIN TRUCKS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 110 "TIRE SELECTION AND RIMS." THE TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION PLACARD CONTAINS INCORRECT INFORMATION REGARDING THE MAXIMUM CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY.

**Consequence:**

A MISPRINTED LABEL WOULD LEAD TO IMPROPER VEHICLE LOADING SPECIFICATIONS OR TIRE INFLATION WHICH COULD RESULT IN A TIRE FAILURE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH NEW TIRE INFORMATION PLACARDS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT UTILIMASTER AT 1-800-237-7806.

**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).

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

Please provide us with the names of the models involved as well as beginning and ending manufacturing dates.

I have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

A statement needs to be added advising the owner of the risk and consequences involved, i.e., "...a misprinted label would lead to improper vehicle loading specifications or tire inflation which could result in a tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash."

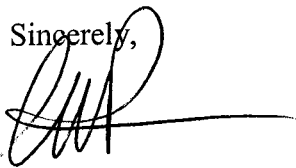
On the sixth paragraph, the Agency's telephone number is incorrect, please change the following sentence to read: "You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or *call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>*, if you are unable to obtain a remedy without charge within a reasonable time."

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, 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 is expected to begin during November 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto: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 'GHP', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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