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Chief of Recall Management
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington DC 20990

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Vehicle Recall 05V- Steer Tire and Wheel

Dear Mr. Person:

McNeilus has decided that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 49CFR 571.120 exists in tires and wheels used on certain McNeilus Front End loaders supplied on Mack LE Chassis. We therefore furnish notification of a defect to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Reports*.

Manufacturer's Identification Code: 41-1314526

1. Name of Manufacturer and Corporate contact:

McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing Co.
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2. Identification of Vehicle Classification:

Make:	McNeilus
Model Years:	2000 - 2004
Models:	Atlantic RFEL
Production Date Beginning:	03-23-2000
Production Date Ending:	12-31-2004

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 DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

3. Number of Potentially Affected Vehicles: 107

4. Estimated Percentage of Vehicles Containing the Defect or Noncompliance: 100%

5. Description of the defect or non-compliance:

Atlantic RFEL body installed on Mack LE chassis requires steer tires and wheels rated at 10,000 LBS minimum. Units were shipped with steer tires rated at 8270 lbs. And steer wheels rated at 9000 lbs.

6. Chronology of Principal Events:

2/2/2000 McNeilus received first chassis from Mack with incorrect Tire and Wheel rating .

12-1-04 Last chassis received with incorrect tire and wheel rating.

01-05 Notified by customer that steer tire and wheel rating on their Atlantic RFEL was insufficient.

01-21-05 Identified affected units.

03-06-05 Notification letter sent to customers. (See Attachment)

7. Test Results or Data on which the Noncompliance was Determined:

Confirmed steer tire and wheel load rating on chassis ordered with Mack PID code 531-2328 to be less than 10000#

8. Corrective Action:

Supply new steer wheels and tires minimum with 10000# rating.
Pay labor for installation through normal warranty process.

9. Representative Notices:

Will be sent when complete.

Sincerely,



McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing Co.
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All refuse haulers, owners and safety directors having purchased a McNeilus Atlantic RFEL

This letter is being sent to all customers who have purchased a Residential FEL from McNeilus mounted on a Mack LE. It has come to our attention that some Mack LE's, mounted by McNeilus, may have been equipped with Goodyear G291 315/80R22.5 Load Range J tires with a maximum load rating of 8,270 lbs per tire. This may be less than some potential loads of a residential package on this FEL. It is important that the tires on the unit be checked and should be rated at no less than 10,000 lbs. per tire. There are various manufacturers and tire sizes that are rated at 10,000 lbs. per tire. An example of this would be a Goodyear Unisteel G286 HSS 315/80R22.5 Load Range L, rated at 10,200 lbs. per tire. Certain states also impose a load limit per square inch of tire, which may necessitate an increase to a 425-width tire, again rated at least to 10,000 lbs. per tire.

In the event you find you have a tire with a load rating less than the minimum recommended rating of 10,000 lbs. supplied originally by McNeilus on a residential Front Loader mounted on a Mack truck, McNeilus will participate in reimbursing customers for a properly rated tire. Please contact McNeilus Service in Dodge Center at 507 374 6321 for details of this program.

Sincerely,

Tracy Timmerman
Vice President & General Manager
Refuse Division