

# Safety Notice

Recall Code 06V-065

**This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.**

**To: *Owners of Vacuum Systems with Ditch Witch Model T12S Trailers***

The Charles Machine Works, Inc., manufacturer of Ditch Witch trailers has decided that certain Ditch Witch model T12S trailers fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 223, "Rear Impact Guards."

**Description of Non-conformity** – The vacuum system extends too far back over the end of the trailer.

**Potential Hazard** – Occupants of a vehicle that collides with the rear of the trailer may be killed or seriously injured.

**What You Should Do** – Contact a Ditch Witch dealership to have a rear impact guard installed, the filter canister moved, and have additional reflective tape installed free of charge.

If you are a lessor of Ditch Witch model T12S trailers with vacuum systems, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

**What The Charles Machine Works, Inc. Will Do** – This work will be performed free of charge by your nearest Ditch Witch dealership. Estimated repair time is ½ day per trailer.

**If You Have Incurred Trailer Repair Expenses Before You Received This Letter** - The Charles Machine Works, Inc. will reimburse you if you have costs associated with the installation of a DOT rear impact guard, installation of reflective tape, or moving the filter canister and you have not been reimbursed for those costs. The amount includes parts, limited to The Charles Machine Works, Inc.'s list retail price, plus the labor at local rates, taxes, or disposal of wastes. Claims must be submitted to the Ditch Witch dealership or to The Charles Machine Works, Inc., Attention - Product Support, Trenchless Group, P.O. Box 66, Perry, OK 73077.

Reimbursement will be by check or cash from The Charles Machine Works, Inc. This plan is available to the public upon request. The Charles Machine Works, Inc. will act upon any claim within 60 days of its receipt. Disputes over the denial in whole or in part of a claim for reimbursement shall be resolved between you and The Charles Machine Works, Inc.

You may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 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 believe that The Charles Machine Works, Inc. or your Ditch Witch dealership has failed or is unable to remedy the defect or noncompliance without charge and within a reasonable time.