



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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PRODUCT SAFETY/LEGAL OPERATIONS MANAGER
VERMEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY
1210 VERMEER ROAD EAST
PELLA, IA 50219

NVS-215dgl
11V-345

SUBJECT: FRONT DESIGN

DEAR MS. SLINGS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vermeer Manufacturing Company's (Vermeer) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
VERMEER/BC2100XL/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-345

Mfg's Report Date: June 29, 2011

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 40

Summary:

VERMEER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2009 BC2100XL TANDEM AXLE BRUSH CLIPPER TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 19, 2007, THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2009 AND EQUIPPED WITH A WELDED ASSEMBLY ATTACHED TO THE FRONT OF THE MAINFRAME. THE WELDED ASSEMBLY IS SUBJECT TO HIGH STRESS LEVELS.

Consequence:

AS A RESULT, THE WELDED ASSEMBLY MAY BEND AND/OR DEVELOP FATIGUE CRACKS INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY TO THE EQUIPMENT OPERATORS OR ANY BYSTANDERS.

Remedy:

FIELD KIT MODIFICATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE WELDED ASSEMBLY WITH A NEW DESIGN FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 26, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT VERMEER AT 1-641-628-3141.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Timian".

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement