



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Wesley Chestnut
Compliance and Validation
Utilimaster Corporation
1000 Reynolds Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

NVS-215KS
11V-606

Subject: FMVSS 206/DOOR CLOSURE WARNING SYSTEM

Dear Mr. Chestnut:

This letter serves to acknowledge Utilimaster Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

UTILIMASTER/AEROMASTER/2009-2011
UTILIMASTER/REACH/2011

Mfr's Report Date: December 30, 2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-606

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:DOORS:LATCH
STRUCTURE:BODY:DOOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9,861

Problem Description:

Certain Utilimaster model year 2009 through 2011 Aeromaster and one model year 2011 Reach work trucks manufactured from September 1, 2009, through December 22, 2011, fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 206, "Door Locks and Door Retention Components."

Consequence:

Certain work trucks are not equipped with either a primary door latch system or a door latch system with a fully latched position and a door closure warning system as required by FMVSS 206. Without a door closure warning system, the driver may not be aware that the door is not fully latched. The door could partially open without warning and the driver may be at an increased risk of injuries in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Utilimaster will notify owners, and dealers will repair the vehicles free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on, or about, September 28, 2012. Owners may contact Utilimaster at 1-800-582-3454.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to 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.

We have received Utilimaster's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timian", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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