



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

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Ms. LOIS SLINGS
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VERMEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY
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NVS-215ET
12V-375

Subject: Axle Mounting Bolt

Dear Ms. SLINGS:

This letter serves to acknowledge VERMEER MANUFACTURING COMPANY'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:

VERMEER/BC1000XL/2011-2012
VERMEER/BC1200XL/2009-2012
VERMEER/BC1500/2011-2012
VERMEER/BC1800XL/2012

Mfr's Report Date: August 1, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-375

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,450

Problem Description:

Vermeer is recalling certain model year 2009-2012 single axle brush chipper trailers because the axle mounting bolts could loosen, leading to axle separation from the brush chipper.

Consequence:

If the axle separates from the brush chipper, there is an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Vermeer will notify owners, and dealers will replace the mounting bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on, or about, August 24, 2012. Owners may contact Vermeer at 641-628-3141.

Notes:

Vermeer's recall number is IK00-1731. 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>.

Please 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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at edison.thompson@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 "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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