



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

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Ms. Lois Slings
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NVS-215ET
12V-425

Subject: Air Brake Hose

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/R9X12T/2010-2012

Mfr's Report Date: August 31, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-425

Components:
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18

Problem Description:
Vermeer is recalling certain model year 2010-2012 R9X12T drilling fluid reclaimer trailers manufactured from March 01, 2010, through August 03, 2012. Due to interference between the air brake hoses and the frame cross-member at the rear axle, the air brake hose may become pinched or be damaged, resulting in the loss of air pressure to the air brakes.

Consequence:
A loss of air pressure to the air brakes can result in a loss of service brakes, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:
Vermeer will notify owners, and dealers will re-reroute the air brake hose, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on, or about, September 27, 2012. Owners may contact Vermeer at 641-628-3141.

Notes:
Vermeer's recall number is IK00-1736. 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>.

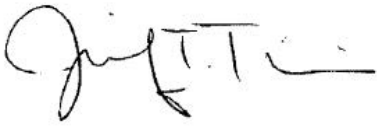
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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