



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

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NVS-215KS  
12V-463

**Subject:** Kingpin wear

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/HG6000TX/2012-2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 19, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-463

**Components:**  
STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3

**Problem Description:**

Vermeer is recalling two model year 2012 and one model year 2013 HG6000TX horizontal grinder trailers, manufactured from July 20, 2012, through August 21, 2012, equipped with a dolly transport option. Due to incorrect machining, the kingpin used with the assembly that converts the tracked grinder into a trailer can experience excessive wear.

**Consequence:**

Wear on the kingpin may result in its failure, which could allow the trailer to separate from the towing vehicle, possibly striking another vehicle, a stationary object, or a bystander, causing property damage and/or personal injury.

**Remedy:**

Vermeer will notify owners, and dealers will replace the kingpin free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Vermeer at 1-641-628-3141.

**Notes:**

Vermeer's recall campaign number is IK00-1738. 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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. 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.

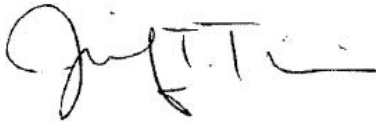
Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the Weldment-Hitch Assembly.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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