



MCNEILUS TRUCK AND MANUFACTURING, INC.

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May 21, 2012

Nancy Lewis (NVS-215)
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington DC 20590

Vehicle Recall: Hazard Warning Flashers on ZR Bodies

Dear Ms. Lewis,

McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing has decided that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108 exists in the motor vehicles listed below. We therefore furnish notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Manufacturer's Identification Code: **41-0967369**

1. Manufacturer's name/address:

McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing, Inc.
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2. Vehicles or Equipment involved in this noncompliance notification:

McNeilus model ZR refuse bodies built on Peterbilt, Autocar, Mack and Crane Carrier chassis, produced and shipped between 4/26/2010 and 5/1/2012.

3. Total number of vehicles or items of equipment:

270

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles or equipment estimated to actually contain the noncompliance:

100%

5. Description of the noncompliance:

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Section 571.108 Standard No. 108 Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment) states that “The vehicular hazard warning signal operating unit on each vehicle shall operate independently of the ignition or equivalent switch”. with the ignition switch in the off position. The hazard warning signals on refuse trucks that are the subject of this report do not flash with the ignition switch in the off position.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

5/4/12 Jeff Maher, Maintenance Manager at Republic Services, Telford, PA notifies McNeilus of an issue with new McNeilus ZR refuse trucks. Trucks delivered in March cannot pass DOT inspection, as hazard warning lights do not operate with the ignition switch in the off position.

5/07/12 Brian Suggs, McNeilus’ Director of Quality, confirms the issue and verifies the standard, then issues an internal Stop Shipment to prevent additional units from being shipped.

7. Description of proposed remedy (including schedule for dealer and customer notification):

Hazard warning lights will be connected directly to the chassis’ power supply, instead of routing through the body control system.

Dealer and Owner letters will be mailed by May 31, pending letter approval from NHTSA

8. Program for remedy campaign (including program for reimbursing any consumer who obtained the remedy at his/her own expense within one year of the opening of the EA, or within one year of this 573 report, whichever is earlier):

- Affected customers will be notified via certified mail and/or email for Waste Management or Republic Services.
- Affected units will be inspected and repaired by McNeilus service technicians at the customer’s facility.
- A small number of units will be inspected and repaired using the customer’s own technicians. Owners will be reimbursed for inspection and labor costs by submitting a request to McNeilus.
- Although most units will be inspected and repaired by McNeilus staff, the notification mailing will include the Owner Notification Letter, a technical service bulletin that includes work instructions on how to identify the noncompliance, and detailed instructions on how to repair affected units

9. Representative notices will be sent at a later date

Sincerely,
McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc.



Darryl Ash
Director-Sales and Branch Operations Support