



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

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Ms. Lois Slings
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NVS-215KS
13V-258

Subject: Extended Trailer Stopping Distance/FMVSS 121

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/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: June 20, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-258

Components:
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 R9X12T trailers manufactured May 25, 2012, through May 3, 2013. The air-brake booster valve was installed incorrectly, allowing the brake application time to exceed the permissible amount. Thus, these vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems."

Consequence:

The extra brake application time may result in extended stopping distances, increasing the risk of crash.

Remedy:

Vermeer will notify owners, and dealers will re-plumb the air brake booster valve, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by July 29, 2013. Owners may contact Vermeer at 1-641-628-3141. Vermeer's recall number is IK00-1843.

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.

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 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 "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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