



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

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Jim Holliday
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Vactor Manufacturing
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NVS-215KS
14V-159

Subject: Incorrect Water Heater Fasteners

Dear Jim Holliday:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vactor Manufacturing'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:

GUZZLER/GUZZCAVATOR/2012-2014
VACTOR/HXX/2010-2014

Mfr's Report Date: March 28, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-159

Components:

UNKNOWN OR OTHER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 106

Problem Description:

Vactor Manufacturing Inc. (Vactor) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 HXX-Fan, 2010-2014 HXX-Prodigy, and 2012-2014 HXX-PD and Guzzler Guzzcavator vacuum excavation trucks. In the affected vehicles, the water heater and/or cabinet that is mounted to the subframe chassis may come loose due to incorrect fasteners being used to mount the water heater.

Consequence:

If the water heater comes loose and falls off the chassis while the vehicle is being driven, the heater may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Vactor will notify owners, and dealers will correct the mounting hardware, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2014. Owners may contact Vactor at 1-847-622-7069. Vactor's number for this recall is SB-268.

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.

We have received Vactor's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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