



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Gina Kirk
Vermeer Manufacturing Company
1210 Vermeer Road East
Pella, IA 50219

NVS-215SM
14V-646

Subject: Pintle Hitch may Separate from Trailer

Dear Gina Kirk:

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/TR620/2014

Mfr's Report Date: October 14, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-646

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain model year 2014 TR620 Trommel trailers manufactured June 2, 2014, to September 27, 2014. The affected trailers may have been manufactured with an incorrect material used for the tapped pintle hitch mount plate.

Consequence:

The incorrect material may allow the pintle hitch mounting bolts to loosen, possibly resulting in a separation of the towed trommel trailer from the tow vehicle, increasing the risk of crash.

Remedy:

Vermeer will notify owners, and dealers will install a field kit to correct the pintle hitch mounting, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2014. Owners may contact Vermeer customer service at 1-800-829-0051. Vermeer's number for this recall is IK003100.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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