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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Equipment

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: August 6, 2014

This report serves as Versalift East LLC's notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Muncie Power Equipment, Inc. PTO Assembly Pressure Switches decided that this defect existed in these vehicles on August 6, 2014.

I. Manufacturer, Designated Agent, and Other Chain of Distribution Information

Manufacturer's corporate name: **Versalift East, LLC**

Equipment's brand or trademark name owner(s) (where applicable):

Versalift

Designated Agent (imported equipment): **Versalift East, LLC**

If this notification concerns equipment that was installed in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment, identify by name, address, and telephone number each vehicle manufacturer and equipment manufacturer who purchased that equipment:

If this notification concerns a defective or noncompliant component that the above identified manufacturer did not manufacture, identify that component and provide the name, address, and phone number of the manufacturer of the component (if this manufacturer is unknown, provide this information as to the supplier of the component):

Muncie Power Equipment, Inc.
201 East Jackson Street, Suite 548, Muncie, Indiana 47308

Name, address, email, and phone and fax numbers for the person(s) to whom inquiries about this report should be directed:

Jon Funk, Operations Manager
2706 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020 610-866-1400 fax 610-866-2732

Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable):

II. Identification of the Recall Population and Its Size

Complete the tables below for each item of equipment subject to this notification. Additional tables may be necessary where there are more than three items subject to a notification.

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Aerial Device
Part/Model number: SST-37-EIH
Size and function (where applicable):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013
Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 7

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Aerial Device

Part/Model number: SST-40-EIH
Size and function (where applicable):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013
Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 61

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Aerial Device
Part/Model number: SST-37-NE
Size and function (where applicable):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013
Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 7

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Aerial Device
Part/Model number: VST-47-MHI
Size and function (where applicable):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013
Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 3

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Crane
Part/Model number: Effer 35
Size and function (where applicable):

Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013
Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 1

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Aerial Device
Part/Model number: SST-36-NE
Size and function (where applicable):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013
Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 1

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Aerial Device
Part/Model number: VST-36-MHI
Size and function (where applicable):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013
Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 6

Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Aerial Device
Part/Model number: VST-40-MHN
Size and function (where applicable):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013

Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 1
Type of equipment (e.g., tire, child restraint, headlamp): Aerial Device
Part/Model number: VST-40-MHI
Size and function (where applicable):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): 2009-2013
Other information necessary to describe this equipment:
Total number of these items of equipment: 1

Provide the following information as to all the items of equipment ("the recall population") identified above:

Grand total number of items of equipment in the recall population: **88**

The percentages of the recall population you estimate actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined (e.g., on what basis the recalled models were selected and how the inclusive dates of manufacture were determined):

The recall population was determined by reviewing manufacturing records to identify units built

With effected Muncie FR67 PTO's

Describe how the recall population is different from any similar items of equipment not subject to this notification:

Unknown

III. Description of the Defect or Noncompliance and Chronology of Events

Describe the defect or noncompliance, including a summary and detailed description of the nature and physical location (if appropriate) of the defect or noncompliance. Graphic aids should be provided where necessary.

Over time, oil leaking from the PTO pressure switch onto a thermal blanket may cause a fire.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Unknown

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Possible vehicle fire

Identify any warning(s) that may precede the defect or noncompliance condition.

Unknown

For defects, provide a dated, chronological summary of all the principle events that were the Basis for the determination that the defect is related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information such as numbers of crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Versalift East LLC has no history of reports of accident, injuries, fatalities or damage and no related warranty claims.

The first notification about this issue was NHTSA letter received 8/6/2014

For noncompliances, identify the test results and other information considered in determining the existence of the noncompliance, and provide the date of each test and observation indicative of that noncompliance.

N/A

IV. The Remedy Program and Its Schedule

Describe the program for remedying the defect or noncompliance, including the plan for reimbursing those owners and purchasers who may have incurred costs to remedy the defect or noncompliance before receiving the manufacturer's notification concerning that defect or noncompliance. Also include, where applicable, details with dates concerning any production remedy that was conducted or will be conducted.

Versalift East LLC will issue a recall letter to owners of all affected units passing on the Muncie Power Products, Inc. provided documents and information customers to: inspect for leaks on the unit and to Replace the affected PTO Pressure Switch and thermal blanket with the kit identified by Muncie Power Products, Inc.

Provide the estimated date(s) on which owner and purchaser notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

Begin notification the week of September 1, 2014.

Goal date for completion of notification issuance is September 30, 2014

Provide the estimated date(s) on which dealer and distributor notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

N/A

Describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

See Muncie Document

******* IMPORTANT REMINDERS *******

A DRAFT version of the letter that the manufacturer intends to mail to owners and purchasers notifying them of the defect and/or noncompliance must be submitted to NHTSA at least five Federal Government business days before those letters are issued. In addition, it is recommended that the draft version of the letter that the manufacturer intends to send to its dealers and distributors concerning the defect and/or noncompliance also be submitted for review. For prompt receipt and review, drafts may be submitted to the attention of the Recall Management Division (NVS-215) via facsimile on (202) 366-7882, or email to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

A representative copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser, must be submitted to NHTSA no later than five days after they are initially sent. This requirement applies both to the final version of the notification letter that is sent to owners and purchasers, as well as the final version that is sent to dealers and distributors. It also includes any follow-up notifications issued concerning a recall. The representative copies of the letters sent to owners and purchasers, and dealers and distributors, must be submitted via certified mail. It is strongly recommended, however, that additional representative copies be submitted via facsimile on (202) 366-7882, or email to RMD.ODI@dot.gov, so that the submission can be more promptly reviewed. All submissions should be conspicuously labeled with the appropriate NHTSA-assigned recall number.