



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

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NVS-215MR
15V-355

Subject: Hitch Safety Chain may be Incorrectly Installed

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/TLR30HD/2015
VERMEER/TLR30LD/2015

Mfr's Report Date: May 22, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-355

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 64

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain model year 2015 TLR30HD trailers manufactured April 21, 2015, to May 15, 2015, and 2015 TLR30LD trailers manufactured April 17, 2015, and May 14, 2015. The affected trailers may have an incorrectly installed safety chain.

Consequence:

If the trailer hitch becomes unhooked from the tow vehicle, the safety chain will not prevent the trailer from completely separating from the tow vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Vermeer will notify owners and dealers will install a field repair kit. The recall is expected to begin on July 14, 2015. Owners may contact Vermeer customer service at 1-800-829-0051 or by email at productsafety@vermeer.com. Vermeer's number for this campaign is IK3175.

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 Vermeer'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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement