

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-572****Manufacturer Name :** McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc.**Submission Date :** OCT 05,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-572**Manufacturer Recall No. :** Kidde: CPSC 15-079**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : McNeilus Truck &amp; Manufacturing, Inc.

Address : 524 County Road 34 East

Dodge Center MN 55927

Company phone : 507-374-6321

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 6,745

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2013-2015 McNeilus See Comments

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : All McNeilus Refuse & Concrete Mixer models that were shipped with a Kidde Fire Extinguisher model FX340SC with manufacturing date codes between July 23, 2013 and October 15, 2014. These fire extinguishers are believed to be on McNeilus vehicles shipped between August 1, 2013 and May 14, 2015.

Production Dates : AUG 01, 2013 - MAY 14, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Some McNeilus refuse & concrete mixer models were shipped with a Kidde Fire Extinguisher for which Kidde announced a CPSC recall. According to the CPSC website, a faulty valve component can cause the disposable fire extinguishers not to fully discharge when the lever is repeatedly pressed and released during a fire emergency, posing a risk of injury. McNeilus has no reports of accidents or injuries due to this issue. The CPSC website indicates that Kidde is aware of 11 reports of the fire extinguishers failing to discharge as expected. Recall 15-079.

FMVSS 1 :NR

FMVSS 2 :NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not work correctly, there is an increased risk of injury to the truck occupants or bystanders.

Description of the Cause : The following information was found on Kidde's website: "In a small number of instances, Kidde found that a supplier built a component that is out of specification. Follow-up field testing found a low risk of the potential extinguishers not working as

designed. However, there is no way to identify which units may fail to discharge as designed. Out of an abundance of caution, we have stopped shipment of affected extinguishers, are working cooperatively with the CPSC to recall any units on store shelves, and are working to replace affected units”.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Company

Address : 1016 Corporate Park Drive

Mebane NORTH CAROLINA 27302

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

April 2015 McNeilus was notified on 4/16/2015 by a customer that a Kidde fire extinguisher that was shipped with his truck was involved in a CPSC recall. An announcement of the CPSC Recall was then found on the CPSC website as Recall 15-079. McNeilus sources fire extinguishers from multiple suppliers. All suppliers were contacted and all denied providing any fire extinguishers to McNeilus that were part of the CPSC recall.

May 2015 On 5/4/2015 an employee of McNeilus who was aware of the concern found a Kidde fire extinguisher on a vehicle that was ready to ship that was one of the suspect models but not from the suspect date range. On 5/14/2015 the supplier (Nott Company) was brought on site to go through inventory and no fire extinguishers from the suspect date range were found.

June – Sept 2015 Inventory & shipping records were reviewed to determine when fire extinguishers with the suspect date range may have been placed on McNeilus vehicles and to determine the possible vehicle population on which the suspect fire extinguishers may have been shipped. There are no known accidents or injuries from this issue. Upon review of the full results of the investigation & testing, McNeilus executive management decided on 9/2/2015 that the subject vehicle population posed a risk to vehicle safety and declared a recall to notify customers of the issue.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : McNeilus will contact customers via letter and provide Kidde’s instructions on how to inspect the fire extinguisher. The remedy consists of Kidde replacing the fire extinguishers from the suspect models & date ranges, at no cost to the customer.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Date codes on the fire extinguishers that are beyond the Kidde suspect date code range.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Once McNeilus confirmed that the fire extinguishers we were shipping with vehicles were from the Kidde suspect model list, our supplier Nott Company swept through all the inventory on 5/14/15 and determined that none of the suspect date code fire extinguishers were in our production facility.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Notifications to customers will be made via a customer letter. The 577 customer letter will be mailed when NHTSA approves the letter.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 05, 2015 - OCT 05, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported