



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

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Mr. Gary Hess
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NEF-150KS
16V-259

Subject: Valve Bank Cover May Crack and Detach

Dear Mr. Hess:

This letter serves to acknowledge Monroe Truck Equipment'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:

MONROE/FORD F-550 W/IMT CRANE/2013

Mfr's Report Date: April 29, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-259

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

Monroe Truck Equipment (Monroe) is recalling one model year 2013 Ford F-550 truck with an IMT model 7500 crane. The affected crane has a valve bank cover that may crack and fall from the crane while the crane is being transported.

Consequence:

If the valve bank cover detaches from the crane it could be a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Monroe will notify the owner, and dealers will replace the valve bank cover with a thicker cover, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2016. Owners may contact Monroe customer service at 1-800-882-1900. Monroe's number for this recall is TB2016001 - IMT dist.

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 Monroe'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 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,



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