



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 27, 2016

Stacy Grace
Adkins Truck Equipment Co
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Huntersville, NC 28070

NEF-150KS
16V-266

Subject: Valve Bank Cover May Crack and Detach

Dear Stacy Grace:

This letter serves to acknowledge Adkins Truck Equipment Co'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:

ADKINS/DOMINATOR I/2013-2016
ADKINS/DOMINATOR II/2013-2016
ADKINS/DOMINATOR III/2013-2016
ADKINS/DOMINATOR IV/2013-2016
ADKINS/DOMINATOR-PROPANE/2013-2016

Mfr's Report Date: May 2, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-266

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 0

Problem Description:

Adkins Truck Equipment Co. (Adkins) is recalling certain model year 2013-2016 Dominator-Propane, Dominator I, Dominator II, Dominator III, and Dominator IV trucks equipped with IMT cranes, models 6000, 7500, 8600, 9500, 10000, 12000, or 14000. The affected cranes have 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:

Adkins will notify owners, 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 Adkins customer service at 1-704-596-2299. Adkins' number for this recall is 16E-012.

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 amend your Defect Information report to include the population of the affected vehicles and the percentage of vehicles believed to be defective.

We have received Adkins' 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