



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Todd Parsons
General Manager
Johnston North America
105 Motorsports Road
 Mooresville, NC 28115

NEF-150MR
16V-757

Subject: Hinge Cracks may cause Hopper Detachment

Dear Mr. Parsons:

This letter serves to acknowledge Johnston North America'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:

JOHNSTON/VT651/2013-2016

JOHNSTON/VT801/2013-2016

Mfr's Report Date: October 17, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-757

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 238

Problem Description:

Johnston North America (Johnston) is recalling certain model year 2013-2016 VT651 and VT801 street sweepers manufactured May 1, 2013, to October 13, 2016. The affected street sweepers have tipping hinges that may crack, allowing the hopper to detach from the chassis.

Consequence:

If the hopper detaches, it can increase the risk of injury to those nearby.

Remedy:

Johnston will notify owners, and dealers will install a reaction beam to increase the torsional stiffness of the body and stabilize the tipping pivot brackets, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early November 2016. Owners may contact Johnston customer service at 1-704-658-1333.

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 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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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