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

June 7, 2018

Mr. Stephen Forgas McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc. 2307 Oregon Street Oshkosh, WI 54902

Subject: Hydraulic Tank Overpressurize and Rupture

Dear Mr. Forgas:

This letter serves to acknowledge McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc.'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: MCNEILUS/BRIDGEMASTER V MIXER/2008-2018

Mfr's Report Date: May 16, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-322

**Components:** EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,669

## **Problem Description:**

McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc. (McNeilus) is recalling certain 2008-2018 Bridgemaster V concrete mixers equipped with an optional composite material hydraulic tank. The filler neck check valve may seal the tank too tightly, causing the tank to overpressurize and possibly rupture.

## **Consequence:**

If the tank ruptures it may cause hydraulic fluid to spill. The ruptured tank can cause injuries from plastic debris. The spilled hydraulic fluid could be hot which could cause burn injuries. If the vehicle is on the road when the tank ruptures, the tank pieces or spilled hydraulic fluid may cause a road hazard which could increase the risk of a crash.

## **Remedy:**

McNeilus has notified owners, and dealers will replace the filler neck, free of charge. The recall began on June 4, 2018. Owners may contact McNeilus customer service at 1-888-686-7278. McNeilus' number for the recall is VSR-TSB-018.

## 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.



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Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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.

The information in your report suggests that McNeilus may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

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 Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

