



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

May 7, 2020

Mr. Jay Crutcher  
Harbor Freight Tools  
26541 Agoura Road  
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NEF-150KL  
20E-027

**Subject:** Jack Stand May Collapse Under Load

Dear Mr. Crutcher:

This letter serves to acknowledge Harbor Freight Tools'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:**

PITTSBURGH AUTOMOTIVE/3 TON STEEL JACK STANDS/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 3, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20E-027

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:JACKS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,254,000

**Problem Description:**

Harbor Freight Tools (Harbor Freight) is recalling certain Pittsburgh Automotive 3 Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands, part numbers 56371 and 61196. The ratchet teeth on the jack stand lifting extension post may not engage the pawl to a sufficient depth, possibly causing the stand to fail under load.

**Consequence:**

Under load, the stand may drop suddenly, which may increase the risk of injury to people near or under a lifted vehicle.

**Remedy:**

Harbor Freight will notify owners, and stores will provide, in exchange for return of the jack stands, a gift card equal to the shelf price of the jack stands, free of charge. Owners are asked to immediately discontinue use of the jack stands for safety concerns. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Harbor Freight customer service at 1-800-444-3353 or Recalls@HarborFreight.com.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefore, and furnish a revised estimate (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

- Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefore, and furnish a revised estimate. (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement