



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

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NEF-150MR
20V-021

Subject: Incorrect Connection Points for Safety Chain

Dear Mr. Patel:

This letter serves to acknowledge Multiquip, 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:

MULTIQUIP/WT5C/2019

Mfr's Report Date: January 16, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-021

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 119

Problem Description:

Multiquip, Inc. (Multiquip) is recalling certain 2019 WT5C trailers. The connection points for the safety chain are incorrect.

Consequence:

The incorrect attachment points may result in the safety chains being too short, possibly interfering with steerability of the tow vehicle and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Multiquip will notify owners, and dealers will relocate the mounting position of safety chains, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2020. Owners may contact Multiquip customer service at 1-800-421-1244. Multiquip's number for this recall is WT20191031.

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.

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:

- A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning; or a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).

We have received Multiquip's proposed owner notification letter.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

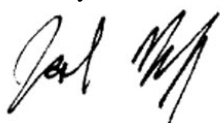
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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