



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

May 28, 2020

Ms. Jo Le Milledge  
Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC  
1210 Vermeer Road East  
Pella, IA 50219

NEF-150MR  
20V-289

**Subject:** Improper Lamps and Missing Reflectors/FMVSS 108

Dear Ms. Milledge:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC'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:**

VAC-TRON/CS 1270 GT/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/CS 1270 SGT/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/CS 1273 GT/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/CS 500 DT/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/CS 570 GT/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/CS 573 GT/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/CS 800 DT/2016-2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 20, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20V-289

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 110

**Problem Description:**

Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC. (Vac-Tron), a subsidiary of Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer), is recalling certain 2016-2020 Vac-Tron CS500DT, CS570GT, CS573GT, CS1270GT, CS1270SGT, CS1273GT and CS800DT Vacuum Excavator trailers. The front clearance lamps may be positioned improperly and an insufficient amount of conspicuity tape may have been applied on the sides and rear. The trailers may also may also lack side or rear reflex reflectors. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

**Consequence:**

Due to the improper position of the lamps, insufficient reflective tape, and lack of reflectors, the vacuum excavator trailer may not be sufficiently visible during low visibility conditions, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Vac-Tron will notify owners, and Vermeer dealers will install remedy kits provided by Vac-Tron, free of charge. This recall is

expected to begin July 13, 2020. Owners may contact Vac-Tron customer service at 1-888-822-8766. Vac-Tron's number for this recall is VVK0008.

**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's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13 of this part. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA under this section. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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).

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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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