

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 30, 2020

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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 20V-368

Subject: 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/CVGT/2020

VAC-TRON/CVGTLC/2020

VAC-TRON/CVSGT/2020

VAC-TRON/LPSDT/2020

VAC-TRON/LPSGT/2020

VAC-TRON/LPXDT/2020

VAC-TRON/MINICOMBO/2020

Mfr's Report Date: June 24, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-368

**Components:** 

**EXTERIOR LIGHTING** 

Potential Number of Units Affected: 100

## **Problem Description:**

Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC (Vac-Tron), is recalling certain 2020 CVGTLC, CVSGT, CVGT, LPSGT, LPXDT, MINICOMBO and LPSDT Vacuum Excavator trailers. The trailers may be missing rear and rear-side reflex reflectors. As such, these trailers fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

#### **Consequence:**

Without the proper reflective equipment, the vacuum excavator trailer may have reduced visibility, 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 August 18, 2020. Owners may contact Vac-Tron customer service at 1-888-822-8766. Vac-Tron's number for this recall is VVK0010.



#### **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 ensure the following requirements are met:

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. 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. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). 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.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

