



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

September 9, 2020

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

NEF-150MR  
20V-508

**Subject:** No Side or Rear Clearance Lamps/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/HTV 373 PTO/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/HTV 573 PTO/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/HTV 873 PTO/2016-2020  
VAC-TRON/JTV 873 PTO/2016-2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 27, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20V-508

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING  
EXTERIOR LIGHTING:TAIL LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 126

**Problem Description:**

Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC (Vac-Tron) is recalling certain 2016-2020 JTV873PTO, HTV873PTO, HTV573PTO, and HTV373PTO vehicles. These vehicles do not have side clearance lamps, rear clearance lamps, side or rear reflect reflectors. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

**Consequence:**

The lack of clearance lights and reflectors, may make the vehicle harder to see, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Vac-Tron will notify owners, and dealers will prepare field remedy kits which will include the necessary parts and instructions to resolve this noncompliance issues. These field remedy kits will be provided to authorized Vermeer dealers to install, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 27, 2020. Owners may contact Vac-Tron customer service at 1-352-728-2222. Vac-Tron's number for this recall is VVK0011.

**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).

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