



SERVICE BULLETIN

Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC

Trenchless
Okahumpka, FL 34762 USA

FIELD CAMPAIGN

SERVICE BULLETIN #

SVV2020-012

DATE:

30 June 2020

CAMPAIGN
TYPE:

Mandatory-Product Safety

CAMPAIGN
CATEGORY:

Kit and Bulletin

MACHINE / ATTACHMENT MODEL (S) :	Serial Numbers		Kit Version
	Included	Excluded	
CSGT	See attached listing on pages 4-5 of this Bulletin for specific VIN and Serial/Unit numbers	N/A	VVK01
CS873GT			
CS870GT			
CS870DT			
CS800GT			
CS573GT			
CS570GT			
CS500DT			
CS1273GT	See attached listing on Page 5 of this Bulletin for specific VIN and Serial/Unit numbers	N/A	VVK02
CS1270SGT			
CS1270GT			

Subject:



**PRODUCT
SAFETY
RECALL**

FIRST NOTICE

Light Relocation,
Reflector, Conspicuity
Tape Installation, and
Rear Extension
Installation Kit
(VVK00-0008)

Background: **INADEQUATE LIGHTING, REFLECTORS, CONSPICUITY TAPE AND REAR EXTENSION**

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In the event of a rear impact crash, the other vehicle may travel under the rear of the vacuum excavator, increasing the risk of serious injury or death to someone in the other vehicle or to the towing vehicle occupants.

Property or equipment damage may also occur.

Solution: **IMMEDIATE MACHINE MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED**

VVK00-0008 has been created to provide the necessary parts and instructions to relocate the vehicle lights, add reflex reflectors, add conspicuity tape to the sides and rear, and add a rear extension. **This kit must be installed as soon as possible.**

Please be reminded that it is a violation of Federal law for you to sell or lease the machines covered by this notification until this recall has been performed on these machines. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.

**DEALER PARTICIPATION
REVIEW REPORT, ORDER KITS, CONTACT CUSTOMERS**

1. **Reports will be emailed** during the week of June 30, 2020, to dealerships shown in our records which have units in their territory affected by this Alert. Please review the report for accuracy, including owner and/or address changes.

If the information contained in the report is NOT correct, please notify the Product Safety Department on or before July 13, 2020 at:

Telephone: 641-621-7060
Fax: 641-621-8562
Email: productsafety@vermeer.com

2. **Dealerships Order Kits by calling Vac-Tron at 888-822-8766.** Each dealership should determine the quantity of Kits to order initially depending upon the number of units that may be available for immediate upgrade. **Do not order more Kits than needed for immediate installation.**
3. **Contact your affected customer(s)** to schedule a mutually acceptable time to upgrade their machine. **Note:** Letters will be sent to the customer(s) on or about **July 14, 2020**. *Also refer to Owner Notification section below.*

If you have any questions concerning the installation of VVK00-0008, please contact the Vac-Tron Service Department. Vermeer Corporation is assisting Vac-Tron with the administration of this campaign.

REIMBURSEMENT

Upon completion of each Kit installation, a campaign Warranty Claim must be submitted to the Vermeer Corporation Warranty Department for reimbursement of the parts cost and labor of the Kit.

This kit will reimburse 6 labor hours.

Note: Future notices to dealers and owners are dependent upon the receipt of Warranty Claim.

OWNER NOTIFICATION

Sample Letter: Included at the end of this Bulletin is a sample letter which will be sent by Vermeer Corporation directly to the Owners on or about **July 14, 2020**, via USPS certified/registered mail. Owner registrations indicate no translations are required for this campaign. The owner letter will be available in English only.

This owner notification/letter instructs the owner **to contact their local dealership** to arrange for a time to have the Kit installed. After receiving VVK00-0008 from Vac-Tron, you must contact your affected customer(s) immediately and schedule a mutually acceptable time to upgrade their machine.

We regret any inconvenience these corrective measures may cause you. This required work is for safety of the safety of the towing vehicle driver and occupants as well as other traveling on public roadways or in the immediate area while being towed. We hope you agree the safety benefits surpass the inconvenience.

VAC-TRON EQUIPMENT, INC.

Attachment:

VVK00-0008 Kit Instructions

Completion Schedule: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product Safety Alert: Install immediately <input type="checkbox"/> 90 days from MM/DD/YYYY <input type="checkbox"/> 180 days from MM/DD/YYYY <input type="checkbox"/> 1 year from MM/DD/YYYY <input type="checkbox"/> Only Units within Standard Limited Warranty Period <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Reimbursement: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Product Safety Alert: Work Completion Certificate Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Units Listed Above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Labor Paid (Labor Code: SB20) <input type="checkbox"/> Only Units within Standard Limited Warranty Period <input type="checkbox"/> No Reimbursement
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Internal Reference: TREAD Act Code <i>(Choose one or more codes applicable)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--	Not Applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12	Exterior lighting
	<input type="checkbox"/>	02	Suspension	<input type="checkbox"/>	16	Structure
	<input type="checkbox"/>	03	Service brake system, hydraulic	<input type="checkbox"/>	17	Latch
	<input type="checkbox"/>	04	Service brake system, air	<input type="checkbox"/>	19	Tires
	<input type="checkbox"/>	05	Parking brake	<input type="checkbox"/>	20	Wheels
	<input type="checkbox"/>	11	Electrical	<input type="checkbox"/>	21	Trailer hitch

AFFECTED MACHINES - VVK01-0008

MODEL	VIN	SERIAL/UNIT	MODEL	VIN	SERIAL/UNIT
CS870GT	5HZBF1625HLKH1441	171497	CS870GT	5HZBF1625HLHH1313	171336
CS500DT	5HZBF1624GLDG1147	161099	CS870GT	5HZBF1620HLHH1333	171371
CS570GT	5HZBF1419GLEG3103	161158	CS870GT	5HZBF1621HLHH1339	171380
CS570GT	5HZBF1621JLBJ1151	181084	CS870GT	5HZBF1628HLHH1340	171381
CS573GT	5HZBF162XJLBJ1150	181078	CS870GT	5HZBF1622HLHH1351	171391
CS573GT	5HZBF1628JLEJ1351	181389	CS870GT	5HZBF1624HLHH1352	171392
CS800GT	5HZBF1623GLKG1277	161325	CS870GT	5HZBF1626HLJH1400	171432
CS800GT	5HZBF1621GLLG1278	161326	CS870GT	5HZBF1629HLKH1426	171477
CS800GT	5HZBF1623GLLG1279	161327	CS870GT	5HZBF1626HLLH1466	171547
CS800GT	5HZBF1624HLEH1214	171208	CS870GT	5HZBF1628HLLH1467	171548
CS800GT	5HZBF1620HLDH1188	171215	CS870GT	5HZBF1622JLAJ1155	181082
CS800GT	5HZBF1629JLHJ1416	181492	CS870GT	5HZBF1620JLBJ1156	181083
CS800GT	5HZBF1629KLAK1134	191131	CS870GT	5HZBF1625JLAJ1120	181089
CS870DT	5HZBF1621HLJH1370	171428	CS870GT	5HZBF1623JLCJ1171	181110
CS870GT	5HZBF1622GLBG1125	161066	CS870GT	5HZBF1629JLCJ1174	181118
CS870GT	5HZBF1620GLCG1126	161068	CS870GT	5HZBF1620JLCJ1175	181119
CS870GT	5HZBF1622GLCG1127	161069	CS870GT	5HZBF1622JLCJ1176	181120
CS870GT	5HZBF1623GLCG1136	161084	CS870GT	5HZBF1624JLCJ1177	181121
CS870GT	5HZBF1628GLDG1149	161111	CS870GT	5HZBF1626JLCJ1178	181122
CS870GT	5HZBF1624GLDG1150	161112	CS870GT	5HZBF1624JLCJ1180	181123
CS870GT	5HZBF1628GLFG1190	161186	CS870GT	5HZBF1623HLJH1399	181133
CS870GT	5HZBF1621GLFG1192	161190	CS870GT	5HZBF1628JLEJ1270	181263
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CS870GT	5HZBF1625GLFG1194	161192	CS870GT	5HZBF1620JLEJ1280	181276
CS870GT	5HZBF1627GLFG1195	161193	CS870GT	5HZBF1628JLEJ1303	181309
CS870GT	5HZBF1620GLJG1251	161297	CS870GT	5HZBF1624JLFJ1382	181346
CS870GT	5HZBF1626GLLG1292	161347	CS870GT	5HZBF1626JLEJ1333	181358
CS870GT	5HZBF1628HLAH1141	171069	CS870GT	5HZBF1625JLEJ1341	181379
CS870GT	5HZBF1627HLBH1148	171081	CS870GT	5HZBF1629JLEJ1343	181387
CS870GT	5HZBF1626HLCH1175	171135	CS870GT	5HZBF1620JLEJ1344	181388
CS870GT	5HZBF1628HLCH1176	171137	CS870GT	5HZBF1626JLEJ1347	181391
CS870GT	5HZBF1622HLDH1189	171154	CS870GT	5HZBF162XJLHJ1392	181396
CS870GT	5HZBF1620HLDH1191	171157	CS870GT	5HZBF1621JLHJ1393	181442
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CS870GT	5HZBF1628HLEH1216	171210	CS870GT	5HZBF1620JLHJ1417	181497
CS870GT	5HZBF1625HLFH1239	171240	CS870GT	5HZBF162XJLKJ1486	181648
CS870GT	5HZBF1621HLFH1254	171258	CS870GT	5HZBF1625JLKJ1492	181659
CS870GT	5HZBF162XHLFH1267	171276	CS870GT	5HZBF1629JLKJ1494	181662
CS870GT	5HZBF1621HLFH1268	171277	CS870GT	5HZBF1624JLMJ1506	181698
CS870GT	5HZBF1628HLGH1285	171307	CS870GT	5HZBF1627KLAK1150	191159
CS870GT	5HZBF1625HLGH1292	171308	CS870GT	5HZBF1629KLAK1151	191169
CS870GT	5HZBF1622HLGH1296	171312	CS870GT	5HZBF1620KLAK1152	191197

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CS873GT	5HZBF1624JLDJ1246	181225		CSGT	5HZB192W4KK002001	191288
CS873GT	5HZBF1626JLDJ1247	181226		CSGT	5HZB192W3KK002006	191372
CS873GT	5HZBF1628JLDJ1248	181227				

AFFECTED MACHINES - VVK02-0008						
MODEL	VIN	SERIAL/UNIT		MODEL	VIN	SERIAL/UNIT
CS1270GT	5HZBF1922JLAJ2110	181135		CS1273GT	5HZBF1921JLHJ2278	181500
CS1270GT	5HZBF1924JLCJ2146	181076		CS1273GT	5HZBF1929JLJK2348	181705
CS1270SGT	5HZBF1923HLJH2211	171145				

Sample Owner Letter

VIA USPS CERTIFIED/REGISTERED MAIL

July 14, 2020

Dear «MODEL» Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Vermeer has decided that a defect, that relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain model year 2016-2020 Vermeer «MODEL».

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VVK00-008 has been created to provide the necessary parts and instructions to relocate the vehicle lights, add reflex reflectors, add conspicuity tape to the sides and rear, and add a rear extension. **This kit must be installed as soon as possible.**

Please contact your authorized, independent **Vermeer dealer** immediately to arrange a mutually acceptable time and location to install VVK00-008 **at no cost** to you for labor or materials. The installation of this kit is



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

First Notice

**Light Relocation, Reflector,
Conspicuity Tape and Rear
Extension Installation Kit
(VVK00-008)**

Model: «Model»

This notice applies to your vehicle,

Serial No: «VIN»

Unit No: «PART_SRL»

estimated at 6 hours of labor. If the Vermeer dealer travels to the unit to install the kit, costs may be incurred by the owner. **You must have your machine upgraded for these safety features.**

Contact your local Vermeer Dealer:	«Service_Dealer_Name» «Serv_Dealer_Add1» «Serv_Dealer_Add2» «Serv_Dealer_City» «Serv_Dealer_St» «Serv_Dealer_Zip» «SERV_DEALER_COUNTRY»
Telephone:	«Serv_Dealer_Phone»

According to our records, you currently own a Vermeer «MODEL» ^[PRODUCT TYPE]. The Model and Serial Number of the «MODEL» is shown at the top right of this letter. If you no longer own this unit, please notify the Product Safety Department at:

Toll Free: 800-829-0051, extension 7060
Telephone: 641-621-7060
E-mail: productsafety@vermeer.com

If possible, please provide the name and address of the new owner. Vermeer Corporation is Vac-Tron with the administration of this campaign.

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Very truly yours,
VAC-TRON EQUIPMENT, LLC

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten (10) days.

If the authorized dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge and within a reasonable time, contact Vermeer Product Safety by email at productsafety@vermeer.com or by calling 800-829-0051 or 641-621-7060. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>