

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

March 16, 2021

Mr. Wesley Chestnut Shyft Group 41280 Bridge Street Novi, MI 48375 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107MR 21V-148

Subject: Flexible Exhaust Tube May Tear

Dear Mr. Chestnut:

This letter serves to acknowledge Shyft Group'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:

UTILIMASTER/MOBILE MAINTENANCE TRUCK/2017-2019

Mfr's Report Date: March 9, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-148

### **Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: EXHAUST SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 34

## **Problem Description:**

Shyft Group is recalling certain 2017-2019 Utilimaster Mobile Maintenance Trucks equipped with a generator set. The flexible exhaust tube may tear, releasing hot exhaust gases into the generator compartment.

### **Consequence:**

An exhaust gas leak in the generator compartment can increase the risk of a fire.

### Remedy:

Shyft Group will notify owners, and dealers will replace the exhaust tube, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 26, 2021. Owners may contact Shyft Group customer service at 1-800-582-3454. Shyft Group's number for this recall is 21-04.

#### 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.

We have received Shyft Group's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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.

Shyft Group's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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