



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

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NEF-107KL
22E-082

Subject: Propane Leak May Cause Fire

Dear Mr. Englund:

This letter serves to acknowledge MANCHESTER TANK & EQUIPMENT CO'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:

MANCHESTER TANK/MANTANK/9999

Mfr's Report Date: September 27, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-082

Components:

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER:LPG SYSTEMS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,500

Problem Description:

Manchester Tank & Equipment Co (Manchester) is recalling certain ManTank Propane Tanks. Manchester was notified by its valve supplier that the thread depth is less than spec, which could result in a propane leak.

Consequence:

A propane leak in the presence of an ignition source can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Manchester will work with the affected RV manufacturers to provide inspection instructions and replacement valves, free of charge. Manchester expects to notify RV manufacturers September, 2022. Owners may contact Manchester customer service at 1-615-370-6300.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Based on the provided remedy plan, it appears that your company may not be able to provide the required recall completion rate quarterly reports. If another company intends to file the report with detailed information about your company's remedy counts, please state so in the remedy section of the 573.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective or noncomplying component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

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 eight 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.

MANCHESTER TANK & EQUIPMENT CO's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement