



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Colleen Hart
Charles Machine Works, Inc.
8111 Lyndale Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55331

NEF-107MR
22V-576

Subject: Incorrect GAWR on Certification Label/FMVSS 120

Dear Ms. Hart:

This letter serves to acknowledge Charles Machine Works, Inc.'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:

DITCH WITCH/VT12/2020-2022
DITCH WITCH/VT14/2020-2022
DITCH WITCH/VT14MV/2022
DITCH WITCH/VT24/2020-2022

Mfr's Report Date: August 4, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-576

Components:

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS
TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,087

Problem Description:

Charles Machine Works, Inc. is recalling certain 2020-2022 Ditch Witch VT24, VT12, VT14, and 2022 VT14MV trailers. The vehicle certification label does not have the correct Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) listed. As such, these vehicles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 120, "Wheels and rims- other than passenger cars."

Consequence:

Incorrect GAWR information may cause the vehicle to become overloaded and result in tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the labels, free of charge. Owner notification letters were mailed December 12, 2022. Owners may contact Charles Machine Work's customer service at 1-580-572-2223.

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:

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

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.

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.

Charles Machine Works, Inc.'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
Enforcement