



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 13, 2022

Ms. Gina Gott
Vermeer Manufacturing Company
1210 Vermeer Road East
Pella, IA 50219

NEF-107MR
22V-664

Subject: Frame Structure Failure

Dear Ms. Gott:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vermeer Manufacturing Company'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/AIR533SDT/2014
VAC-TRON/AIR535SDT/2014
VAC-TRON/AIR555SDT/2001-2013
VAC-TRON/AIR753SDT/2017
VAC-TRON/AIR833SDT/2014-2015
VAC-TRON/AIR835SDT/2013
VAC-TRON/AIR855SDT/2010-2013
VAC-TRON/AIR873SDT/2017-2019
VAC-TRON/AIRSDT/2020

Mfr's Report Date: September 1, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-664

Components:

STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 45

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain 2014-2015 Vac-Tron AIR833SDT, 2013 Vac-Tron AIR835SDT, 2017-2019 Vac-Tron AIR873SDT, 2014 Vac-Tron AIR533SDT, 2014 Vac-Tron AIR535SDT, 2001-2013 Vac-Tron AIR555SDT, 2017 Vac-Tron AIR753SDT, 2010-2013 Vac-Tron AIR855SDT, and 2020 Vac-Tron AIRSDT vacuum excavator trailers. The frame may bend or become distorted, which can result in loss of stability and control while towing.

Consequence:

A loss of stability and control can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will repair the frames, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on October 27, 2022. Owners may contact Vermeer's customer service at 1-800-829-0051 ext. 7060. Vermeer's number for this recall is VMV0028.



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:

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:

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.

Vermeer Manufacturing Company'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