

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

November 21, 2022

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

NEF-107MR 22V-833

**Subject:** Theft Deterrent Cover May Damage Brake Lines

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/WALK-IN VAN/2022

Mfr's Report Date: November 10, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-833

# **Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM:EMISSION CONTROL:CATALYTIC CONVERTOR SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 34

### **Problem Description:**

Shyft Group (Shyft Group) is recalling certain 2022 Utilimaster Walk-In vans. The catalytic converter theft deterrent cover may contact and damage the hydraulic brake lines.

### **Consequence:**

Damaged brake lines may leak, causing a loss of brakes and increasing the risk of a crash.

# Remedy:

Shyft Group will modify the cover to provide proper clearance and replace damaged brake lines as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in November 2022. Owners may contact Shyft Group customer service at 1-800-237-7806. Shyft Group's number for this recall is 22-15.

#### **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.

We have received Shyft Group's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.



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 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.

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

Enforcement

