



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

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NEF-107KL  
24E-036

**Subject:** Light Failure from Overheated Motherboard/FMVSS108

Dear Craig Knot:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hiniker 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:**

HINIKER/2000 SERIES SNOWPLOW/9999  
HINIKER/6000 SERIES SNOWPLOW/9999  
HINIKER/700 SERIES SNOWPLOW/9999  
HINIKER/7000 SERIES SNOWPLOW/9999  
HINIKER/8000 SERIES SNOWPLOW/9999  
HINIKER/9000 SERIES SNOWPLOW/9999  
HINIKER/9500 SERIES SNOWPLOW/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 6, 2024

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 24E-036

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,016

**Problem Description:**

Hiniker Company (Hiniker) is recalling certain Series 700, 2000, 6000, 7000, 8000, 9000, and 9500 snowplows, part number, HTBX 38828015. The motherboard may overheat, causing the snowplow controls and/or lighting to fail. As such, these snowplows fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment."

**Consequence:**

Lights that fail to illuminate can reduce the vehicle's visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Hiniker will replace the motherboard, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Hiniker customer service at 1-507-625-6621 or 1-800-433-5620.



**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](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

**Please ensure the following requirements are met:**

The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)). If less than 1%, amend your filing to state 1% and provide the actual calculated amount in the first product text box.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. If claim count exceeds 10 claims, please provide the total number of claims, and a receipt date range for those claims.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. Please be reminded that all owners must be notified of the safety risk associated with this filing within 60 days of the 573 being submitted. If the remedy is not available at that time, mail the interim notice, following it with a second notice once the remedy becomes available. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If there are no owners involved in this recall, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Hiniker Company's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Ansley", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

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