



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

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Mr. Raoul Steenekamp
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Reading Truck Body LLC
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NEF-107HG
24V-305

Subject: Taillight Exceeds Maximum Allowed Height/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Steenekamp:

This letter serves to acknowledge Reading Truck Body LLC'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:

READING TRUCK EQUIPMENT/RM-78 CRANE BODY/2022-2024

Mfr's Report Date: April 29, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-305

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:TAIL LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 54

Problem Description:

Reading Truck Body LLC (Reading) is recalling certain 2022-2024 RM-78 11' and RM-78 14' vehicles. The taillight may be incorrectly positioned, exceeding the maximum allowed height. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

Incorrectly mounted taillights can reduce the vehicle's visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will relocate the taillights, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 6, 2024. Owners may contact Reading customer service at 1-800-458-2226.

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).

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 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.

Reading Truck Body LLC's contact for this recall will be Hensly Guerra who may be reached by email at hensly.guerra@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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