

SERVICE BULLETIN

Vermeer Corporation

Environmental Pella, Iowa 50219 USA

FIELD CAMPAIGN SERVICE BULLETIN #:SVC2024-068

DATE: 27 June 2024

CAMPAIGN TYPE:	Mandatory – Product Safety
CAMPAIGN CATEGORY:	Kit and Bulletin

MACHINE/	SERIAL NU		
ATTACHMENT MODEL(S):	Included	Excluded	Kit version
BC900XL	526, 2001 – 50107	None	IK01 Maintenance manual and inspection.
BC900XL	2085, 2124, 2214, 2248, 2251, 2257, 2272, 2338, 2401, 2458, 2465, 2523, 2588, 2594, 2633, 2743, 2757, 3588, 3589, 3600	None	IK02 Service manual only
BC900XL	Units determined to need studs and lug nut kit after inspection	None	IK03 Insall studs and lug nut kit DEALER INSTALLATION ONLY

Subject:



BC900XL Lug Nut Torque Instruction Correction Kit (IK004561)

Background: Vermeer has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2015 – 2022 Vermeer BC900XL Brush Chippers.

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Solution:

IMMEDIATE MACHINE MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED

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IK**01**4561 will provide an updated maintenance manual and inspection form directly to owners. Owners will be instructed to begin using the updated manual information immediately. Check all lug nuts and studs on affected machines for damage, return the inspection form with the required information, and coordinate with their dealer to replace damaged parts.

IK**02**4561 will provide updated service manuals to current owners of a Service Manual.

IK**03**4561 will be provided, based on inspection results, to replace damaged lug nuts and studs.

The kit must be installed as soon as possible.

Please be reminded that it is a violation of federal law for you to sell or lease the machines covered by this notification until this recall has been performed on these machines. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.

Campaign #	Campaign Description	Status	Code Meaning
IK014561	BC900XL Lug Nut Torque	Open	Machine owner has not returned the lug nut inspection form.
IK014561	Instructions Correction Kit	Done	Machine owner has returned the lug nut inspection form.

		 The inspection form indicates all lug nuts can torque to 95 ft-lb (129 Nm). No further action is needed. The inspection form indicates lug nuts are stripped, broken, or unable to maintain 95 ft-lb (129 Nm) torque. The machine will be added to IK034561.
IK024561	Open	The machine owner has not received the service manual.
IK024561	Done	We have confirmation the machine owner has received the service manual.
IK034561	Open	The machine owner has returned the lug nut inspection form indicating lug nuts are stripped, broken, or unable to maintain 95 ft-lb (129 Nm) torque.

DEALER PARTICIPATION REVIEW REPORT, ORDER KITS, CONTACT CUSTOMERS

 Reports will be emailed during the week of June 27, 2024, to dealerships shown in our records which have units in their territory affected by this recall. Please review the report for accuracy, including owner and/or address changes. The accuracy of the owners and addresses is especially important as this data will be used to send the updated manuals direct to the owners.

If the information contained in the report is **not** correct, please notify the product safety department on or before July 10, 2024, at:

Telephone:641-621-7060Fax:641-621-8562Email:productsafety@vermeer.com

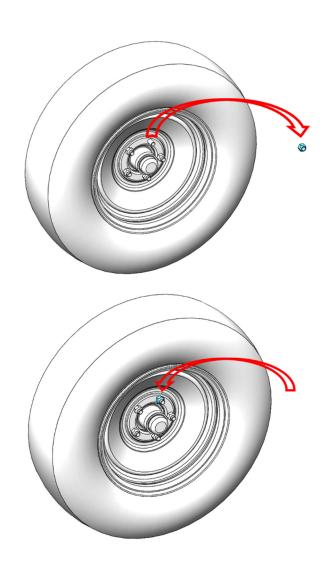
Note: Letters, and update manuals along with the lug nut inspection form will be sent to the customer(s) on or about **July 11, 2024**. Also refer to *owner notification* section below.

- 2. Dealership
 - a. **IK01 & IK02 Do not order kits** as the updated manuals will be sent directly to the owners. If the report does not show any owner, the kit will be sent to the dealership.
 - IK034561 Before ordering any kits, the lug nut inspection form needs to be completed and returned by the machine owner to <u>safetyform@vermeer.com</u>. IK034561 kits can be ordered by entering into EzParts. Do not order any kits until product safety has received the inspection form from the machine owner.

3. Contact your affected customer(s)

- a. Discuss machine owner returning lug nut inspection form (sample on page 8 of this bulletin) to <u>safetyform@vermeer.com</u>.
- b. If all lug nuts torque to 95 ft-lb (129 Nm), no further action is needed.

 c. If any lug nuts are stripped, broken, or unable to maintain 95 ft-lb (129-Nm) torque, schedule a mutually acceptable time to install IK034561 to their machine(s). 1. Remove lug nut.



2. Re-install lug nut.

- 3. Torque to 95 ft-lb (129Nm).
- 4. Repeat for all lug nuts.
- 5. If all lug nuts torque to 95 ft-lb (129 Nm), **no further action is needed.**
 - a. Email completed lug nut inspection form to <u>safetyforms@vermeer.com</u> to receive \$50.00 USD parts credit certificate, and for Vermeer to update records.
- 6. If any lug nuts are stripped, broken, or unable to maintain 95 ft-lb (129 Nm) torque, **further** actions are required.
 - a. Contact your local Vermeer dealer immediately to make arrangements to get IK034156 installed.
 - b. Email completed lug nut inspection form to <u>safetyforms@vermeer.com</u> to receive \$50.00 USD parts credit certificate, and for Vermeer to update records.

If you have any questions concerning the installation of IK004561, please contact the environmental service department.

REIMBURSEMENT

- **1. IK014561** is the updated Maintenance Manual and inspection.
 - a. Dealer assisting owner: If dealer assists owner with the inspection and updating the Maintenance Manual, dealer will be reimbursed 0.5 hour labor, once lug nut inspection form has been completed and return to <u>safetyform@vermeer.com</u>. Dealer submits a campaign claim for IK014561.
 - **b. Dealer inventory:** If machine is in dealer inventory, once lug nut inspection form has been completed and returned to <u>safetyform@vermeer.com</u>, submit a campaign claim for 0.5 hour labor and attach the inspection form.
 - 2. IK034561 is the lug nut and stud kit.
 - a. If the machine needs the lug nut and stud kit, a campaign warranty claim for kit version IK034561 must be submitted to the warranty department for reimbursement of cost of labor to install the kit. Labor hours to install: 1 hour. Lug nut inspection form will need to be completed and sent to safetyform@vermeer.com prior to installing and filing a claim.

Travel will be paid up to \$200 (\$1 per mile with a \$200 max round trip) with copy of work order attached for retailed machines not in dealer inventory. If dealer repairs more than one machine at same location on one trip, travel will only be paid on one of the model/VINs.

- 3. Owner's lug nut inspection reimbursement: Vermeer \$50.00 USD parts certificate will be mailed to machine owners who return lug nut inspection form.
 - a. To receive reimbursement for the parts certificates, submit a campaign warranty claim under SVC2024-068, and attach a copy of the parts certificate. Dealers are not eligible to receive the parts certificate for machines in dealer inventory.

Note: Future notices to dealers and owners are dependent upon the receipt of warranty claims.

OWNER NOTIFICATION

Sample letter: Included at the end of this bulletin is a sample letter which will be sent by Vermeer Corporation directly to owners on **July 11, 2024**, via USPS certified/registered mail. The letter will include:

IK01:

- 1. Maintenance Manual
- 2. Kit instructions
- 3. Lug nut inspection form that is included in the owner letter.

The letter instructs the owner to install the kit as instructed in the kit instructions, to perform the lug nut inspection, and return the completed inspection form to receive a \$50.00 USD parts certificate redeemable on any part at their local Vermeer dealer.

- 1. Service Manual
- 2. Kit instructions
- 3. Owner letter

Owner notice and lug nut inspection form translations will be provided in the following languages:

Brazilian Portuguese			Spanish
•	French	٠	Korean

All translated owner notices will also include owner notification in English.

This owner notification/letter instructs the owner **to contact their local dealership** to arrange for a time to have the kit installed. After receiving IK004561 from the Parts Distribution Center, you **must contact your affected customer(s) immediately** and schedule a mutually acceptable time to upgrade their machine(s).

We regret any inconvenience that these corrective measures may cause you. The required work is for the safety of the towing vehicle occupants and other drivers and passengers on the public roadways.

PRODUCT SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Attachment: IK004561 Kit instructions

Completion schedule:	Reimbursement:
Product Safety Alert: Install immediately	Product Safety Alert
90 days from MM/DD/YYYY	Product Compliance
☐ 180 days from MM/DD/YYYY	$oxed{\boxtimes}$ All units listed above with less than hours
1 year from MM/DD/YYYY	or warranty start date in the last months
Only units within standard limited	Parts Labor paid (Labor code: SB24)
warranty period	Only units within standard limited warranty period
□ N/A	☐ No reimbursement

Internal reference:		Not applicable		12	Exterior lighting
TREAD Act Code	02	Suspension		16	Structure
(Choose one or	03	Service brake system, hydraulic		17	Latch
more applicable	04	Service brake system, air		19	Tires
codes)	05	Parking brake	\boxtimes	20	Wheels
	11	Electrical		21	Trailer hitch

Dealer Distribution:	
□Domestic □International ⊠Both	



VERMEER PARTS CERTIFICATE \$50.00 usd REDEEM THIS CERTIFICATE FOR CREDIT TOWARDS ANY PARTS PURCHASED AT YOUR LOCAL VERMEER DEALERSHIP PARTS COUNTER

IK004561: BC900XL Lug Nut Torque Instructions Correction Kit

VERMEER MODEL: «MDL_CD»

Date Issued: 6/21/20243

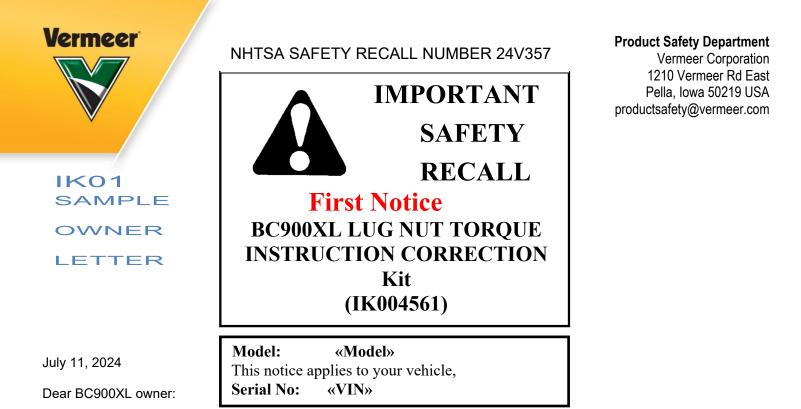
Date of Expiration: <Date>, 2025

VIN: «PRD_SRL»

VERMEER PRODUCT SAFETY DEPARTMENT

1210 Vermeer Road EastPella IA 50219 USAToll Free:800-829-0051, Ext. 7060Telephone:641-621.7060Email:productsafety@vermeer.com

One Parts Certificate redeemable per VIN included in IK004561 for compensation for kit installation. No cash value. Redeemable by unit owner only at authorized Vermeer dealership Certificate expires two years from date of issue. © 2024 Vermeer Corporation. All Rights Reserved.



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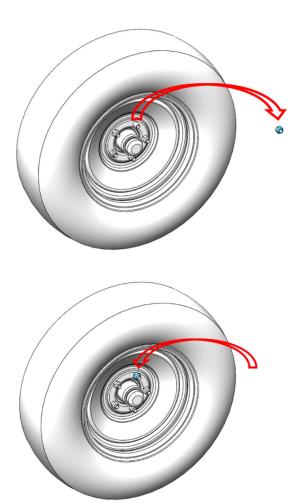
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- 6. If any lug nuts are stripped, broken, or unable to maintain 95 ft-lb (129 Nm) torque, **further actions are required.**
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Please contact your authorized independent Vermeer dealer immediately if any lug nuts are stripped, broken, or unable to maintain 95 ft-lb (129 Nm) to arrange a mutually acceptable time and location to install IK034561 **at no cost** to you for labor or materials. The installation of this kit is estimated at 1 hours of labor. If the Vermeer dealer travels to the unit to install the kit, costs may be incurred by the owner. **You must have your machine upgraded for these safety features**.

Contact your local Verm	eer dealer: «Service_Dealer_Name»
	«Serv_Dealer_Add1» «Serv_Dealer_Add2»
	«Serv_Dealer_City» «Serv_Dealer_St»
	«Serv Dealer Zip»
	«SERV DEALER COUNTRY»
Telep	ohone: «Serv_Dealer_Phone»

Toll-free: 800-829-0051, option 1

Telephone: 641-621-7060

Email: productsafety@vermeer.com

If possible, please provide the name and address of the new owner.

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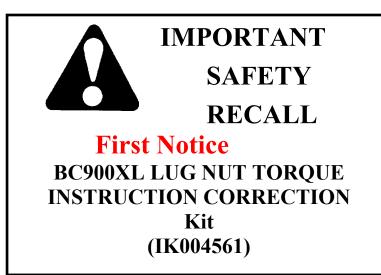
Regards, PRODUCT SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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Vermeer

Model:«Model»This notice applies to your vehicle,Serial No:«VIN»



	MACHINE OWNER LUG NUT INSPECTION FORM					
1.	Who completed the ir	spection?				
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2. Has the prior maintenance manual been discarded?			□ Yes	□ No		
			□ Yes	□ No		
3. Were you able to reach the correct torque 95ft lbs (129 Nm) on all lug nuts?		g nuts?	All lug nuts can torque to 95ft-lbs (129 Nm).	Lug nuts are stripped, broken or unable to maintain 95ft-lbs (129 Nm)		
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Cor	ntact name:	«MERGE»				
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Cor	ompleted by:					
001	npieteu by.	Print name:		Date		
	Update any of the above machine owner information as needed.					

Questions about the product safety alert? Please contact your local Vermeer dealer.

 Questions about returning this Lug Nut Inspection Form? Contact product safety department, Vermeer Corporation

 Email: productsafety@vermeer.com
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Thank you for your cooperation in returning this report to Vermeer Corporation.

Vermeer	TRANSPORT CANADA RECALL NUMBER 2024-085 IMPORTANT SAFETY	Product Safety Department Vermeer Corporation 1210 Vermeer Rd East Pella, Iowa 50219 USA productsafety@vermeer.com
IK01 SAMPLE OWNER LETTER	RECALL First Notice BC900XL LUG NUT TORQUE INSTRUCTION CORRECTION Kit (IK004561)	
July 11, 2024 Dear BC900XL owner:	Model:«Model»This notice applies to your vehicle,Serial No:«VIN»	

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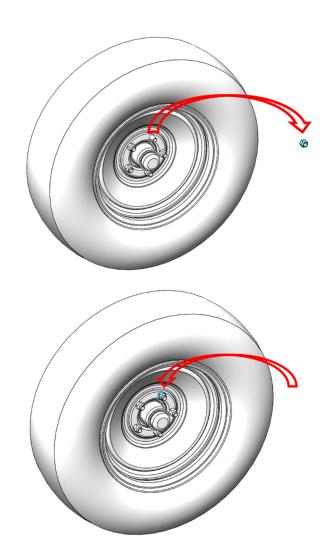
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If possible, please provide the name and address of the new owner.

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Contact name:		«MERGE»			
Con	tact email:				
Company:		«MERGE»			
Address:		«MERGE»			
City, state/province, postal code, county:		«MERGE»			
Completed by:		Х			
		Print name:		Date	
	Update any of the above machine owner information as needed.				

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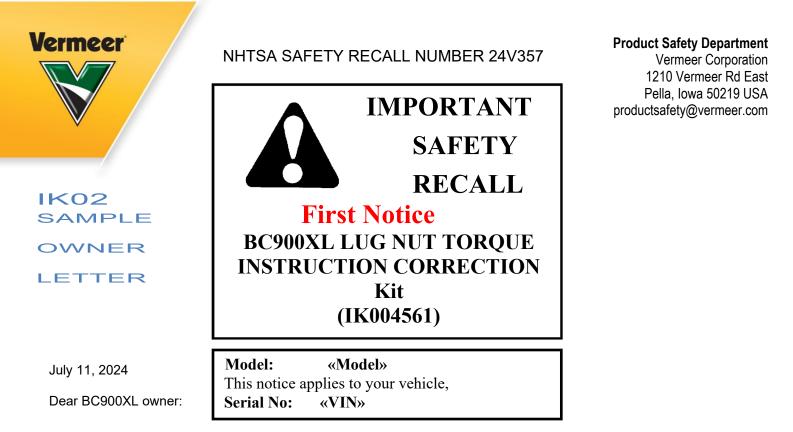
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First Notice

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