



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Gregory Vismara  
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NEF-150MR  
18E-113

**Subject:** Fire Suppression System May Not Discharge

Dear Mr. Vismara:

This letter serves to acknowledge Gillig 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:**

KIDDE/FIRE EXTINGUISHER/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 11, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18E-113

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 33

**Problem Description:**

Gillig LLC (Gillig) is recalling certain Fire Extinguishers, model number 83-133002-500 with part numbers 421220-11, 421220-12, 421220-21, 421220-22 and 424766, sold by Gillig as aftermarket parts. The actuator of the extinguisher may not function properly, preventing the fire extinguisher from discharging the fire suppression agent.

**Consequence:**

If the fire suppression system does not work as intended, it can increase the risk of injury in the event of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Gillig will notify owners, and Kidde will replace fire extinguisher, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in February 2019. Owners may contact Kidde customer service at 1-252-237-7004 or Gillig customer service at 1-510-264-5073.

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

We have received Gillig'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 six 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.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Kareem Habib  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement