



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

July 9, 2019

Mr. Darrin Smith  
Godwin Manufacturing Company, Inc.  
200 Champion Dr  
Dunn, NC 28334

NEF-150MR  
19V-441

**Subject:** Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter serves to acknowledge Godwin Manufacturing Company, Inc.'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:**  
GODWIN/DUMP BODY/2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 11, 2019

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 19V-441

**Components:**  
EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 10

**Problem Description:**

Godwin Manufacturing Company, Inc. (Godwin) is recalling certain 2017 453USS10/26 dump body vehicles equipped with Whelen brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, these brake lights may illuminate when the brake pedal has not been pressed.

**Consequence:**

If the brake lights incorrectly illuminate, it can confuse other drivers, possibly increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Godwin has notified owners and Whelen has provided replacement brake lights, fee of charge. The recall began April 1, 2019. Owners may contact Godwin customer service at 1-800-892-0181 or Whelen customer service at 1-860-718-2331.

**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).

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on April 1, 2019, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. By regulation, our agency is to see and review a draft owner notification letter at least five days prior to its distribution. 49 CFR 577.5 In the future, Godwin must comply with this requirement.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

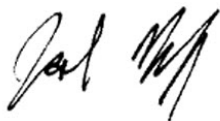
Please submit a copy of the owner notification letter that you sent to your customer.

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.

If all of the affected vehicles have been remedied, please submit one recall completion rate quarterly report stating a 100% completion rate.

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,



Joshua Neff  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement