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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150MR
19V-462

Subject: Boom Support Plate May Obscure Visibility

Dear Mr. Davidovich:

This letter serves to acknowledge Caterpillar 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:

PROGRESSIVE RAIL SERVICES/SKY TRIM/2015-2019

Mfr's Report Date: June 14, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-462

Components:

UNKNOWN OR OTHER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6

Problem Description:

Caterpillar Inc. (Caterpillar) is recalling certain 2015-2019 Progress Rail 75HRT SkyTrim Hi-Rail vehicles. The boom cradle includes a support plate that may block the driver's visibility. Additionally, the slew may be insufficient, which may result in the detachment of the boom from the cradle while the vehicle is in motion.

Consequence:

The lack of visibility may increase the risk of crash. The detachment of the boom and cradle may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of crash.

Remedy:

Caterpillar will notify owners, and Progress Rail dealers will relocate the boom cradle to provide visibility for the driver, and revise the boom hydraulic circuit and install a mechanical fastening strap in the event of a hydraulic system failure or leak. These repairs will be performed free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Caterpillar customer service at 1-800-447-4986.

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.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).

- Your company must supply, in the "Planned Owner Notification Date" field, the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners 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 therefore, and furnish a revised estimate (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

- Your company must supply, in the "Planned Owner Notification Date" field, 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 therefore, and furnish a revised estimate. (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to notify owners by first class mail, before which you must 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 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,



Joshua Neff
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement