

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

September 6, 2019

Mr. Tim Lafon Vice President Regulatory Affairs Mack Trucks, Inc. 7900 National Service Rd Greensboro, NC 27357

Subject: Axles May Fracture/Loss of Vehicle Control

Dear Mr. Lafon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mack Trucks, 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.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR

19V-616

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MACK/PINNACLE (CXU)/2015

Mfr's Report Date: August 21, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-616

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Problem Description:

Mack Trucks, Inc. (Mack) is recalling certain 2015 Pinnacle (CXU) vehicles equipped with Meritor FF967 Non Drive Front Steer Axles. The axles missed the heat treating operation during manufacturing, reducing their strength and possibly causing the axle beams to fracture.

Consequence:

Fracture of the axle beam can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Mack will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the axles as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 18, 2019. Owners may contact Mack customer service at 1-800-866-1177. Mack's number for this recall is SC0419.

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.



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).

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

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

