



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 13, 2020

Mr. Jay Crutcher
Harbor Freight Tools
26541 Agoura Road
Calabasas, CA 91302

NEF-150KL
20E-046

Subject: Jack Stand May Collapse Under Load

Dear Mr. Crutcher:

This letter serves to acknowledge Harbor Freight Tools'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:

PITTSBURGH AUTOMOTIVE/3 TON STEEL JACK STANDS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 7, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20E-046

Components:

EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:JACKS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 118,000

Problem Description:

Harbor Freight Tools (Harbor Freight) is recalling pairs of Pittsburgh Automotive 3 Ton Heavy Duty Steel Jack Stands, SKU number 56373. Under load, the jack stand base seam weld may fail, allowing the stand to drop suddenly.

Consequence:

Under load, the stand may drop suddenly, increasing the risk of injury to people near or under a lifted vehicle.

Remedy:

Harbor Freight will notify owners, and stores will provide, in exchange for return of the jack stands, a gift card equal to the shelf price of the jack stands plus 20%, free of charge. Owners are asked to immediately discontinue use of the jack stands for safety concerns. Harbor Freight emailed all known customers on July 7, 2020. Harbor Freight has not yet provided the date that they will mail customers a notification letter. Owners may contact Harbor Freight customer service at 1-800-444-3353 or Recalls@HarborFreight.com.

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 Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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