

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 6, 2020

Mr. Kevin White Global Quality Systems Meritor, Inc. 2135 West Maple Troy, MI 48084 NEF-150KL 20E-051

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Power Steering Hydraulic Hose May Fail

Dear Mr. White:

This letter serves to acknowledge Meritor, 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:

MERITOR/P220 PRESSURE ASSEMBLY/9999 MERITOR/P579 PRESSURE ASSEMBLY/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 28, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20E-051

Components:

STEERING: HYDRAULIC POWER ASSIST: HOSE, PIPING, AND CONNECTIONS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 32

Problem Description:

Meritor, Inc. (Meritor) is recalling certain P220 and P579 Pressure Assemblies, part numbers 106533 and 107801. The power steering hydraulic hose was assembled with an incorrect fitting, which may cause the hose to fail and result in a loss of power steering assist.

Consequence:

Loss of power steering assist would require a greater steering effort, especially at lower speeds, which may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Meritor will notify the purchasers, and will inspect and replace the power steering hydraulic hose, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2020. Owners may contact Meritor customer service at 1-866-668-7221.

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 ensure the following requirements are met:

Please identify if these Pressure Assemblies were sold to vehicle manufacturers or end user customers. In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective or noncomplying component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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

