



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 10, 2020

Ms. Jo Le Milledge
Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC
1210 Vermeer Road East
Pella, IA 50219

NEF-150MR
20V-510

Subject: Rear Extremity Extends 24" Behind Rear Guard

Dear Ms. Milledge:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC'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:

VAC-TRON/HTV 373 PTO/2016-2020
VAC-TRON/HTV 573 PTO/2016-2020
VAC-TRON/HTV 873 PTO/2016-2020
VAC-TRON/JTV 873 PTO/2016-2020

Mfr's Report Date: August 27, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-510

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 126

Problem Description:

Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC (Vac-Tron) is recalling certain 2016-2020 JTV873PTO, HTV873PTO, HTV573PTO, and HTV373PTO vehicles. These vehicles have a rear extremity that extends more than 24 inches behind the rear impact guard.

Consequence:

A vehicle crashing into the back of the truck could travel under the rear of the truck, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Vac-Tron will notify owners, and dealers will install a remedy kit to prevent vehicles from going under the truck in a crash. The kits and installation will be free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 27, 2020. Owners may contact Vac-Tron customer service at 1-352-728-2222. Vac-Tron's number for this recall is VVK0011.

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:

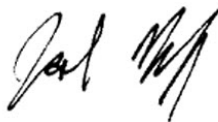
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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