



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 10, 2020

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

NEF-150MR
20V-744

Subject: Rear Impact Guard Missing

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/LP 873 SGT/2015-2020
VAC-TRON/LP 873 XDT/2016-2020
VAC-TRON/LPSGT/2019-2020
VAC-TRON/LPXDT/2019-2020

Mfr's Report Date: December 1, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-744

Components:

STRUCTURE
STRUCTURE:BODY:BUMPERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 38

Problem Description:

Vac-Tron Equipment, LLC is recalling certain 2016-2020 LP873XDT, 2015-2020 LP873SGT, 2019-2020 LPSGT and LPXDT excavator trailers. The trailers are not equipped with a rear impact guard. As such, these trailers fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 224, "Rear Impact Protection."

Consequence:

If a vehicle strikes the rear of the vacuum excavator, the vehicle may travel under the rear of the vacuum excavator, increasing the risk of injury and/or death.

Remedy:

Vac-Tron will notify owners, and dealers will install a field remedy kit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 21, 2021. Owners may contact Vac-Tron customer service at 1-877-342-5374. Vac-Tron's number for this recall is VVK0016.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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).

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