



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Jo Le Milledge  
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Vermeer Manufacturing Company

NEF-107MR  
21V-119

**Subject:** Axle Mounting Bolts Not Tightened Properly

Dear Ms. Milledge:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vermeer Manufacturing Company'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:**

VERMEER/BC900XL/2021

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 25, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21V-119

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER  
SUSPENSION:MULTIPLE AXLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 20

**Problem Description:**

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain 2021 BC900XL brush chipper trailers. The mounting bolts that secure the axle assembly to the mainframe structure of the brush chipper may not have been tightened properly.

**Consequence:**

Loose axle mounting bolts may result in the axle separating from the brush chipper, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Vermeer will notify owners, and dealers will replace the mounting bolts and tighten them to the correct torque specification, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 20, 2021. Owners may contact Vermeer customer service at 1-800-829-0051 ext. 7060. Vermeer's number for this recall is IK4005.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).



**Please ensure the following requirements are met:**

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

**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.

Vermeer Manufacturing Company's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement