



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 3, 2021

Ms. Jo Le Milledge
Vermeer Manufacturing Company
1210 Vermeer Road East
Pella, IA 50219

NEF-107MR
21V-674

Subject: Chipper Discharge Chute May Separate

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/BC1000XL/2021
VERMEER/BC1200XL/2021
VERMEER/BC900XL/2021

Mfr's Report Date: August 30, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-674

Components:

EQUIPMENT
EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 38

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain 2021 BC900XL, BC1000XL, and BC1200XL brush chippers. The chipper discharge chute may separate, and fall off the trailer.

Consequence:

A separated chipper discharge chute can become a road hazard, increasing the risk of injury or crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will install a field remedy kit, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on October 21, 2021. Owners may contact Vermeer's customer service at 1-800-829-0051 ext. 7060. Vermeer's number for this recall is IK4126.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the chipper discharge chute. If your company manufactured the component itself, then please state so in 573.

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