



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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

NEF-107MR
21V-721

Subject: Insufficient Rear Reflex Reflectors/FMVSS 108

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:

MCLAUGHLIN/VACUUM EXCAVATOR/2005-2021
VERMEER/VACUUM EXCAVATOR/2021

Mfr's Report Date: September 16, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-721

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 50

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain 2005-2021 McLaughlin and 2021 Vermeer vacuum excavators. Please see the 573 report for all affected models. The rear clearance lamps and reflex reflectors, and the rear-side clearance lamps and reflex reflectors are not sufficient. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

Without the proper reflective equipment, the vacuum excavators may not be visible to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will install a field remedy kit, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on November 11, 2021. Owners may contact Vermeer's customer service at 1-800-829-0051 ext. 7060. Vermeer's number for this recall is VMV0013.

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 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).

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.

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