

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

July 7, 2023

Mr. Gerard Hones Mack Trucks, Inc. 7900 National Service Road Greensboro, NC 27409 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107MR 23V-465

Subject: Improperly Tightened Windshield Wiper Arms

Dear Mr. Hones:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mack Trucks, Inc.'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:

MACK/LR/2023-2024

Mfr's Report Date: July 5, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-465

Components:

VISIBILITY: WINDSHIELD WIPER/WASHER: LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 204

Problem Description:

Mack Trucks, Inc. (Mack) is recalling certain 2023-2024 LR garbage trucks. The wiper arm retention nuts may be loose, stripping, and causing the windshield wipers to fail.

Consequence:

Inoperative windshield wipers can reduce visibility, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will inspect, tighten the retention nuts, and replace the windshield wiper arms as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 25, 2023. Owners may contact Mack customer service at 1-800-866-1177. Mack's number for this recall is SCC0445.

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).

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Mack Trucks, Inc.'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

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