



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

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Ms. Lois Slings
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NVS-215SM
14V-410

Subject: Suspension Pivot bolts may Loosen

Dear Ms. Slings:

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/R400T/2013-2014
VERMEER/R600HC/2013-2014
VERMEER/R9X12T/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: July 7, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-410

Components:

SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 37

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 R9X12T trailers manufactured November 28, 2012, to March 21, 2014; R400T trailers manufactured August 27, 2013, to June 16, 2014; and R600HC trailers manufactured October 28, 2013, to April 25, 2014. In the affected drilling fluid reclaimer trailers, the suspension pivot bolts could loosen causing axle separation.

Consequence:

If the axle separates from the reclaimer, there is an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Vermeer will notify owners, and dealers will add welds to secure the suspension pivot bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late August 2014. Owners may contact Vermeer customer service at 1-800-829-0051. Vermeer's number for this recall is IK00-3061.

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.



We have received Vermeer's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement