



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Jim Holliday  
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NVS-215MR  
15V-379

**Subject:** Cabinet and Boiler may Detach from Truck

Dear Mr. Holliday:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vactor Manufacturing'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:**

GUZZLER/GUZZCAVATOR/2014-2015  
VACTOR/2100 PLUS/2014-2015  
VACTOR/HXX/2014-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 9, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-379

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 387

**Problem Description:**

Vactor Manufacturing (Vactor) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Vactor HXX PD, HXX Fan, HXX Prodigy, and 2100 Plus, and Guzzler Guzzcavator trucks manufactured January 10, 2014, to June 2, 2015. The affected vacuum trucks have boilers that may have been assembled with incorrect hardware and/or improper tightening procedures.

**Consequence:**

If the boiler assembly was not correctly mounted, the cabinet and boiler may detach from the truck, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Vactor will notify owners and dealers will inspect and repair the units, as needed, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Vactor customer service at 1-877-342-5374.

**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).

We have received Vactor'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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement