



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Roger Lackore
Director of Product Safety
McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc.
2307 Oregon St.
Oshkosh, WI 54903-2566

NVS-215MR
15V-536

Subject: Transit Arm Latch May Loosen

Dear Mr. Lackore:

This letter serves to acknowledge McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, 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:

MCNEILUS/ZR/2010-2015

Mfr's Report Date: August 20, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-536

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 809

Problem Description:

McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc. (McNeilus) is recalling certain model year 2010-2015 Zero Radius (ZR) Side-Loader Refuse Trucks, model 48, manufactured January 1, 2010, to April 10, 2015. The affected trucks are equipped with an air actuated transit arm latch that may loosen over time, causing the transit arm latch to unintentionally release, allowing the arm to extend beyond the overall width of the vehicle.

Consequence:

If the latch arm unexpectedly extends from the side of the vehicle, there is an increased the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

McNeilus will notify owners, and fleet service technicians will install a new a chain style transit arm latch that will keep the arm from drifting, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2015. Owners may contact McNeilus customer service at 1-888-686-7278. McNeilus' number for this recall is VSR-TSB-008.

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 McNeilus' 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).

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 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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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