



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 6, 2015

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

NVS-215KS  
15V-572

**Subject:** Kidde Handheld Fire Extinguisher may not Discharge

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/ATLANTIC FRONT LOADER/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/AUTO REACH/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/BRIDGEMASTER V MIXER/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/METRO PAK REAR LOADER/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/PACIFIC FRONT LOADER/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/REAR LOADER/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/SLIDING TRAILER/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/STANDARD MIXER/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/XXC REAR LOADER/2013-2015  
MCNEILUS/ZR/2013-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 5, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-572

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6,745

**Problem Description:**

McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc., (McNeilus) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 McNeilus Bridge Master Mixer, Standard Mixer, Sliding Trailer Mixer, Standard Rear Loader, Rear Loader w/3.5 YD HD Tail, Zero Radius Automated, Auto Reach, Atlantic Front Loader, Split Body Rear Loader, Rear Loader w/Tag Axle, Metro Pak Rear Loader, XXC Rear Loader, and Pacific Front Loader vehicles manufactured August 1, 2013, to May 14, 2015. These concrete mixers and refuse trucks are equipped with certain Kidde plastic valve disposable handheld fire extinguishers that may not properly discharge when the lever is pressed.

**Consequence:**

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not work correctly, there is an increased risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

McNeilus will notify owners, and advise them to follow the provided instructions from Kidde to inspect their fire extinguishers. Kidde will replace the fire extinguishers as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2015. Owners may contact McNeilus customer service at 1-888-686-7278. McNeilus' number for this recall is Kidde: CPSC 15-079.

**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 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@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