



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

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NVS-215KS
15V-584

Subject: ABS Brakes may be Improperly Connected

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/HG4000/2012-2015

Mfr's Report Date: September 18, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-584

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:ANTILOCK

Potential Number of Units Affected: 42

Problem Description:

Vermeer Manufacturing Company (Vermeer) is recalling certain model year 2012-2015 Vermeer HG4000 horizontal grinder trailers manufactured June 28, 2012, to July 10, 2015. In the affected units, the antilock braking system (ABS) brakes may be improperly connected. Additionally, the brake chamber mounting may fail.

Consequence:

In the event of severe braking, the the ABS may not function correctly allowing the trailer brakes to lock up, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Vermeer will notify owners, and dealers will correct the ABS installation and reinforce the brake chamber mounts, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Vermeer customer service at 1-800-829-0051.

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.

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 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 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 the first name being the most prominent.

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