



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 20, 2018

Mr. Stephen Forgas  
McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc.  
2307 Oregon Street  
Oshkosh, WI 54902

NEF-150MR  
18V-858

**Subject:** CNG Tank Valve Stem may Eject from Valve Body

Dear Mr. Forgas:

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/2016-2018  
MCNEILUS/BRIDGEMASTER V MIXER/2016-2018  
MCNEILUS/MERIDIAN FRONT LOADER 78/2016-2018  
MCNEILUS/STANDARD MIXER/2016-2018  
MCNEILUS/XE REAR LOADER/2016-2018  
OSHKOSH/S-SERIES/2016-2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 3, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-858

**Components:**

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 199

**Problem Description:**

McNeilus Truck & Manufacturing, Inc. (McNeilus) is recalling certain 2016-2018 McNeilus Meridian Front Loader, Atlantic Front Loader, XE Rear Loader, Bridgemaster Mixer, Standard Mixer, and Oshkosh S-Series vehicles, equipped with certain MPVE-250 One-Turn Valves (OTV) on the CNG fuel tanks. If the valve knob is turned more than one turn, the valve's snap ring may fail and the valve stem may forcibly eject from the valve body.

**Consequence:**

The forcible ejection of the stem may increase the risk of injury to those nearby. Additionally, the unintended release of CNG can increase the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

McNeilus will notify owners, and dealers will replace the valve with a valve from another brand, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 21, 2018. Owners may contact McNeilus customer service at 1-888-686-7278.

**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).

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13 of this part. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA under this section. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

We have received McNeilus'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).

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.

The information in your report suggests that McNeilus may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

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). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement