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TO: ALL DEALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

SUBJECT: DEFECTIVE GAS TANKS

We recently changed suppliers, to obtain a better, stronger gas tank. We used several thousand of the new tanks, and the results were excellent. Leakage appeared to be practically non-existent, and we were well satisfied that we had made an improvement.

However, unknown to us, the manufacturer suddenly changed to a different method of soldering the tank components together. We began to get complaints about leaking tanks, and investigated immediately. The change in soldering method coincided with the start of our trouble, and subsequent tests by the manufacturer proved the point.

The manufacturer of the tanks has replaced the defective tanks, and will continue to replace them as required. All current production, and all equipment in factory stock now have the correctly manufactured tank.

However, a small percentage of the Tractors identified as explained below may have defective tanks. These Tractors should be carefully run-in, by putting at least a tankful of gasoline through the Tractor, and observing the tank carefully. The run-in is necessary to discover the defective tanks before they get into customer's hands.

To identify: Tractors with MANUFACTURING Numbers B-10350 through B-11474, and C-1 through C-944. NOTE: Tractors with these manufacturing numbers that carry a SERIAL Number of M-38376 or above have already been corrected at the factory.

We suggest that if you have delivered equipment to customers within the range of these numbers that you check with your customer to insure complete satisfaction.

When you find a defective tank, you may either replace it, returning the defective tank to us for credit, or resolder, as you elect.

We regret this error on the part of our supplier, and the inconvenience it may cause you. But we believe that now is the time to correct this problem, in the interest of the safety and satisfaction of your customers.