



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



Bhupinder Dhadda
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Defect Petition DP26002

Dear Mr. Dhadda,

This acknowledges receipt of your petition dated November 21, 2025, requesting the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to conduct an investigation into whether the absence of a redundant mechanical wheel-fastener locking mechanism, in the heavy-vehicle sector, constitutes a safety-related defect in motor vehicles and motor-vehicle equipment.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 30162 and 49 C.F.R. Part 552, NHTSA will conduct a technical review of the petition. The Agency will subsequently notify you of its decision to either grant or deny the petition.

Sincerely,

Tanya Topka

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Director
Office of Defects Investigation