

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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NEF-107KL 21E-100

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Subject: Inner Tie Rod May Detach

Dear Matthew Brown:

This letter serves to acknowledge BorgWarner'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:

DELPHI AFTERMARKET/TIE ROD/9999

Mfr's Report Date: December 14, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-100

**Components:** 

STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 331

## **Problem Description:**

BorgWarner is recalling certain Delphi Aftermarket Tie Rod assemblies, part number TA5323, and size 319 mm. The inner tie rod assembly may have been manufactured incorrectly, which can allow the tie rod to detach from the steering rack.

# **Consequence:**

Tie rod detachment can cause a loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a crash.

### Remedy

Borg Warner will replace the inner tie rods, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 2021. Owners may contact BorgWarner customer service at 1-248-247-9691.

### **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.nhtsa.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 eight 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.

BorgWarner's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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