



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc.  
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NEF-107KL  
22E-047

**Subject:** Steering Gear Assembled Incorrectly

Dear William Amato:

This letter serves to acknowledge R.H. Sheppard Co., 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:**

SHEPARD/STEERING GEARS/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 28, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22E-047

**Components:**

STEERING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 105,271

**Problem Description:**

R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc. (R.H. Sheppard) is recalling certain Sheppard Steering Gears, model numbers: HD94E, M100P, M110P, HD94P, XD120P, MD83P, SD110P, M83P, M90P, and M80P. The steering gears may have been assembled incorrectly, which can cause the gear to fracture.

**Consequence:**

A fractured steering gear can cause a loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

The remedy is currently under development. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 15, 2022. Owners may contact R.H. Sheppard at [Steering22@RH-Sheppard.com](mailto:Steering22@RH-Sheppard.com).

**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](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement