

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 12, 2022

Mr. Perry Bolick
Proterra Operating Company, Inc.

1 Whitlee Ct.

NEF-107MR
22E-065

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Battery Management System Shutdown

Dear Mr. Bolick:

Greenville, SC 29607

This letter serves to acknowledge Proterra Operating Company, 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:

PROTERRA/S1-15 HV BATTERY/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 29, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-065

## **Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:PROPULSION SYSTEM:TRACTION BATTERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 99

# **Problem Description:**

Proterra Operation Company, Inc. (Proterra) is recalling certain battery packs, model number S1-15, with part numbers 129-6202, 139-6181, and 163-3642. An insufficient connection in the battery pack may cause the battery management system to shut down unexpectedly.

### **Consequence:**

An unexpected battery management system shut down can result in a sudden loss of drive power, increasing the risk of a crash.

## Remedy:

No remedy has been established at this time. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in August 2022. Owners may contact Proterra's customer service at 1-864-438-0000.

#### **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 ensure the following requirements are met:

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

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.



In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective or noncomplying component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

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.

Proterra Operating Company, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

