

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

December 13, 2022

Mr. Fred Imundo Compliance Coordinator Navistar, Inc. 2701 Navistar Dr. Lisle, IL 60532

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107DR 22V-909

Subject: Loose Fasteners May Cause Rear Axle Instability

Dear Mr. Imundo:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, 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:

IC BUS/CE/2023-2024 IC BUS/EV/2023 IC BUS/RE/2023

Mfr's Report Date: December 8, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-909

**Components:** 

SUSPENSION: MULTIPLE AXLE: TORQUE ARM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6,948

### **Problem Description:**

Navistar, Inc. (Navistar) is recalling certain 2023 IC RE, IC EV, and 2023-2024 IC CE school buses. The fasteners that connect the transverse torque arm to the rear axle housing may have been tightened incorrectly, which can allow the rear axle to shift side to side.

## **Consequence:**

A rear axle that moves side to side can cause a loss of handling and control, increasing the risk of a crash. In addition, a loose rear axle may cause vehicle instability during an evacuation in an emergency, increasing the risk of injury.

### Remedy:

Dealers will replace and tighten the fasteners, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed February 6, 2023. Owners may contact Navistar's customer service at 1-800-448-7825. Navistar's number for this recall is 22527.

#### 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:

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

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.

Navistar, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at darishea.rollins@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

