OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 22V-711

Manufacturer Name: Navistar, Inc.
Submission Date: SEP 22, 2022
NHTSA Recall No.: 22V-711
Manufacturer Recall No.: 22520



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Navistar, Inc.

Address: 2701 Navistar Drive

Lisle IL 60532

Company phone: 331-332-1590

# **Population:**

Number of potentially involved : 451 Estimated percentage with defect : 100%

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2022-2023 International HX

Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information: •

• The suspect population is identified by models equipped with feature codes 02ARU, 02ARY, 02ARZ, 02ATB, 02AUR, 02AVB, 02AVC, 02AVD, or 02AVE (Meritor Steer Axle) and an additional steer axle installed by Navistar's Truck Specialty Center

(TSC).

- The inclusive dates of manufacture were determined by when Navistar began use of suspect axles through the date the issue was contained in vehicle and TSC manufacturing.
- The vehicles in the suspect population were built with feature codes 02ARU, 02ARY, 02ARZ, 02ATB, 02AUR, 02AVB, 02AVC, 02AVD, or 02AVE (Meritor Steer Axle) and an additional steer axle installed by Navistar's TSC and similar vehicles not included were built with other steer axles and/or do not have the additional steer axle installed.

There are 451 HX series trucks in the suspect population

Production Dates: DEC 20, 2021 - AUG 04, 2022

#### **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The clamp that wedges the tie rod tube and threaded end together may crack

and lose its clamping ability. Over time, the tie rod end threads can become

damaged and, in some cases, may allow the tie rod end to separate.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Tie rod end separation may result in an unexpected loss of steering on one

wheel. An unexpected loss of steering on one wheel can increase the risk of a

vehicle crash.

Description of the Cause: Excessive carbon was introduced to the tie rod clamp surface during the heat-

treating process.

Identification of Any Warning Over time, the steering may develop a loose feeling prior to tie rod separation.

that can Occur:

# **Involved Components:**

Component Name 1: Tie rod kit Component Description: Tie rod

Component Part Number: R23104 or R23105

#### **Supplier Identification:**

# **Component Manufacturer**

Name: Meritor

Address: 2135 West Maple Rd

Troy Michigan 248-435-10

**Country: United States** 

#### **Chronology:**

- $\bullet$  09/01/2022 Navistar receives communication from Meritor describing potential tie rod clamp failures.
- 09/02/2022 Navistar quarantines all suspect vehicles at the assembly plants.
- $\bullet$  09/06/2022 Navistar Compliance and Manufacturing meet to investigate the impact to International vehicles.
- 09/09/2022— Navistar TSC identifies 7 axles built during the suspect build period and repairs them.
- 09/15/2022 Navistar finalizes the suspect population and declares a Safety Recall.

# **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: •

The remedy will involve replacing both tie rod end clamps.

Navistar's plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file with NHTSA and dated 05/06/2022, applies and reimbursement

instructions will be included in the customer notification.

How Remedy Component Differs The remedy tie rod end clamps are certified to meet hardness specification

from Recalled Component: and the recalled tie rod end clamps were not.

was Corrected in Production: clamps.

Identify How/When Recall Condition 09/02/2022 - Navistar began use of steer axles with certified tie rod end

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: It is estimated that the dealer notification letter will be mailed by

9/26/2022. It is estimated that the Customer notification letter will be

mailed by 10/3/2022.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: SEP 26, 2022 - SEP 26, 2022 Planned Owner Notification Date: OCT 03, 2022 - OCT 03, 2022

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported