

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE NHTSA Recall 22V-159**

Date: February 6, 2023

<Customer> <Address> <City State Zip>

Attn: <Customer>

Re: Radius Rod Mounting Bolts Improperly Torqued

Dear <Customer>:

This notice is being sent in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Great Dane LLC has determined that a defect may exist in certain model year 2022 Great Dane Champion Dry Van Trailers, and Great Dane Everest Refrigerated Trailers manufactured in our Statesboro, GA, and Kewanee IL, manufacturing facilities where radius rod mounting bolts were not properly torqued. Trailers within these groups were manufactured using suspensions where the radius rods had not been installed by the suspension supplier. Other trailers have the radius rods installed by the supplier prior to shipping to Great Dane.

Improperly torqued radius rod mounting bolts may work loose over time leading to them falling out. This could allow the suspension to shift rearward causing the vehicle to lose control increasing the possibility of a crash. Additionally, loose components may impact other vehicles causing them to lose control increasing the possibility of a crash. It is important to note that no accidents or injuries have been reported so far from the field.

Great Dane will continue working with the customer to inspect suspect population and retorque any radius rod mounting bolts that are found inadequately torqued. After inspection and correction, the component will have the proper level of torque. It is estimated that this inspection/repair will take approximately 1hour and will be performed free of charge.

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Great Dane Customer Service at (877) 369-3493.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.



If you conclude that Great Dane LLC has not enabled you to remedy this condition without charge and/or in a reasonable time, a complaint may be submitted to the:

Administrator National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

-or-

Call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline: 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 800-424-9153) or go to http://www.safercar.gov )

We regret any inconvenience that this situation may have caused. Great Dane LLC wants to assure you that we are concerned for customer safety and your continued satisfaction with our products.

Sincerely,

James M Brown Manager, Customer Service/Warranty