



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 20, 2023

Mr. William Amato
R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc.
901 Cleveland St
Elyria, OH 44035

NEF-107KL
23E-094

Subject: Steering Gear Assembled Incorrectly

Dear Mr. 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: December 18, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23E-094

Components:

STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 274

Problem Description:

R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc. (R.H. Sheppard) is recalling certain steering gear assemblies, model numbers, HD94P, M100P, HD94S, M110P, M83P, MD83, SD110P, and XD120P. The steering gear assemblies may have been assembled incorrectly with fewer recirculating balls than are required, which may result in a loss of steering control.

Consequence:

A loss of steering control increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

R.H. Sheppard will work with the affected vehicle manufacturers to replace the defective gears, free of charge. Vehicle manufacturers will be notified in December 2023. Owners may contact R.H. Sheppard customer service at 1-717-637-3751.

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 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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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