

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-137

Manufacturer Name : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC**Submission Date :** MAR 02, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-137**Manufacturer Recall No. :** N768**Manufacturer Information :****Population :**

Manufacturer Name : Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC

Number of potentially involved : 812

Address : 100 Jaguar Land Rover Way

Estimated percentage with defect : 2 %

Mahwah NJ 07495

Company phone : 8188500

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2023-2023 LAND ROVER DEFENDER 130

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : SUV

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Jaguar Land Rover is conducting a voluntary safety recall campaign involving certain 2023MY Land Rover Defender 130 vehicles with third-row seats built at the Nitra Vehicle Assembly Plant from July 11, 2022 - October 6, 2022. 812 vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories. The basis for the recall population has been established from the start of production of the model affected, up to the point the supplier confirmed seats with the correct seat back latches were being supplied.

Production Dates : JUL 11, 2022 - OCT 06, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin : SALEVFEUOP2141843 End : SALE2FEU3P2160184 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : A concern has been identified on a number of 2023MY Land Rover Defender 130 vehicles with third-row seats, where an incorrect seat back latch component may have been installed on the third-row seat frame.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : An incorrect specification seat back latch component may result in the seat back not latching properly. Where a permitted child restraint is installed with the top tether secured, the seat structure, where the latch is not operating correctly, will compromise seat strength. In case of a frontal crash of sufficient severity, the seat back deflects more than it should and therefore the child seat occupant is exposed to an increased risk of injury.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning NR
that can Occur :

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Rear Seat Base (third row)

Component Description : Rear Seat Base (third row)

Component Part Number : N8B2-613A10-AF

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : TS Tech KFT

Address : Iparos u. 2
Százhalombatta Foreign States 2440

Country : Hungary

Chronology :

In October 2022, Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) was notified by the supplier of the third-row seat that a concern with the function of the seat back latch had been discovered. This issue was reported through JLRs critical concerns reporting process.

A Product Safety and Compliance Committee (PSCC) investigation was opened on November 16, 2022. The PSCC requested that an Update Prior to Sale (UPS) be issued to contain vehicles that had not yet entered into commerce. Vehicles within this UPS were inspected, and where third-row seat back latch operation was found to be not OK, vehicles were held pending further instruction.

The PSCC also requested the JLR Supplier Technical Assistance Team (STA) to fully define the scope of this issue. They reported their initial findings to the PSCC on November 30, 2022.

Through December 2022 and January 2023 reviews of vehicle disposition and scope were completed. The results of the UPS were reviewed during this period, to help better understand the scope and nature of this issue.

At the PSCC of February 21, 2023, the scope of the issue was discussed, the effect on vehicle operation was reviewed and it was agreed that the issue be progressed to the Recall Determination Committee (RDC) for consideration.

The RDC reviewed the issue on February 23, 2023, and concluded that this issue represents an unreasonable risk to safety, and a voluntary safety recall should be conducted.

There have been no reported accidents, injuries or fires as a result of this concern. There are no warranty claims or field reports related to this matter prior to the UPS.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Owners will be notified and instructed to take their vehicle to an authorized repairer. The third-row seat back latch operation will be checked. Where the seat latches operate correctly, no further action is required. Where a latch does not operate properly, the seat frame and associated components will be replaced. There will be no charge to owners for this repair. The affected vehicles will be covered under Jaguar Land Rover's new vehicle warranty program. Therefore, reimbursement for pre-notice remedies is not necessary because the affected vehicles are still under warranty.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notifications to dealers will occur on March 16, 2023. Distribution of owner notification letters will occur on or before April 28, 2023.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 16, 2023 - MAR 16, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 28, 2023 - APR 28, 2023

* NR - Not Reported