

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-280

Manufacturer Name : Volvo Trucks North America

Submission Date : APR 19, 2023

NHTSA Recall No. : 23V-280

Manufacturer Recall No. : RVXX 2304



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Volvo Trucks North America

Address : 7900 National Service Road
Greensboro NC 27409

Company phone : 800 528 6586

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 117

Estimated percentage with defect : 13 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2020-2024 Volvo VNR Electric

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The population of vehicles is battery electric vehicles equipped with Akasol Generation 3 batteries produced by their Hazel Park Michigan Plant.

Production Dates : APR 01, 2019 - APR 10, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 4V5W19DF0LN252154 **End :** 4V4WB9KN5PN624685 ☒ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Coolant Lines in battery pack may not be properly assembled and could result in the loss of coolant and a short in a battery cell.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : With a short in the battery cell there is a risk of a battery fire and subsequent vehicle fire.

Description of the Cause : Manufacturing defect(s) in the assembly of the battery packs due to inadequate process controls and detection of those defects.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : There are no warnings associated with this issue.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Battery

Component Description : Battery, complete battery pack

Component Part Number : 23364826

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Akasol Inc.

Address : 1400 E. 10 Mile Road

Suite 15 Hazel Park Michigan 48030

Country : United States

Chronology :

April 5, 2023 during product reviews of Akasol's batteries at our manufacturing facilities and Akasol's facilities, discrepancies related to battery assembly were detected and this information is brought to the Product Safety Working Group and a safety investigation is opened.

April 12, 2023 Product Safety Working Group meets and reviews findings from our factory and Akasol's battery assembly operations and makes recommendation that this be raised to the product safety committee as potential product safety defect.

April 14, 2023 Product Safety Committee meets and determines a safety defect exists.

April 19, 2023 573 Report Filed with NHTSA

There have been no warranty claims, field reports, accidents or injuries reported with this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Akasol will inspect all Generation 3 batteries produced by their Hazel Park on our vehicles. If any manufacturing discrepancies are identified the batteries will be removed and replaced with batteries which do not have any discrepancies.

Reimbursement for the recall will be covered by Manufacturer's Reimbursement Plan on file with NHTSA.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Akasol Gen 3 batteries which have undergone additional screening and inspection by Akasol employees either in the field or at Akasol's assembly plant in Hazel Park Michigan.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Currently these vehicles under our control in production are under a stop shipment pending correction.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer notification will begin on April 24, 2023 and owner notification begin on June 16, 2023
Planned Dealer Notification Date : APR 24, 2023 - APR 24, 2023
Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 16, 2023 - JUN 16, 2023

* NR - Not Reported