



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

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NEF-107SS
24V-059

Subject: Inadequate Clearance May Damage CNG Tank

Dear Mr. Soomal:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vicinity Motor Corporation'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:

VICINITY/VI33/2017

Mfr's Report Date: January 31, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-059

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:STORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14

Problem Description:

Vicinity Motor Corporation (Vicinity) is recalling certain 2017 Vi33 transit buses. Inadequate clearance may allow the CNG tanks to contact the supporting mounting structure and/or safety cables, damaging the tanks.

Consequence:

A damaged tank can leak natural gas, increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

As an interim repair, dealers will inspect and adjust the mounting structure. If the vehicle's mounting structure cannot be adjusted, owners are advised not to drive their vehicle until the supporting member is replaced. When the final repair is available, dealers will inspect, secure the safety cables, install protective material on the tank, and replace the mounting structure and CNG tanks as necessary, free of charge. Interim owner notification letters explaining the safety risk are expected to be mailed in February 2024. A second notice will be sent once remedy parts become available. Owners may contact Vicinity customer service at 1-604-607-4000. Vicinity's number for this recall is CA-000-051.

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).

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.

Vicinity Motor Corporation's contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by email at sarah.shiver@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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