



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

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NEF-107HG
24V-385

Subject: Low Pressure CNG Hoses May Cause Fire/FMVSS 304

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
VICINITY/VI35/2022

Mfr's Report Date: May 31, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-385

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 28

Problem Description:

Vicinity Motor Corporation (Vicinity) is recalling certain 2017 Vi33 and 2022 Vi35 buses powered by compressed natural gas (CNG). The low-pressure CNG hoses and fittings are insufficient and may leak. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 304, "Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity."

Consequence:

A compressed natural gas leak can result in a fire or explosion, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Owners are advised to remove the vehicles from service until the final remedy becomes available. Dealers will replace the low pressure CNG hoses, free of charge. Interim letters notifying owners of the safety risk are expected to be mailed June 17, 2024. A second notice will be sent once the remedy becomes available. Owners may contact Vicinity customer service at 1-604-607-4000. Vicinity's number for this recall is CA-000-054.

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.safercar.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.

Vicinity Motor Corporation's contact for this recall will be Hensly Guerra who may be reached by email at hensly.guerra1@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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