

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 26, 2024

Mr. James Banks Navistar, Inc. 2701 Navistar Dr Lisle, IL 60532 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107HG 24V-463

Subject: Loss of Steering Control from Tie Rod Failure

Dear Mr. Banks:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, 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:

IC BUS/CE SBUS/2025

Mfr's Report Date: June 20, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-463

## **Components:**

STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3

# **Problem Description:**

Navistar, Inc. (Navistar) is recalling certain 2025 IC Bus CE school buses. Tie rod assemblies may contain ball studs that may have been incorrectly heat-treated, which can cause them to break, and possibly result in tie rod failure.

### Consequence

Tie rod failure can cause a loss of vehicle steering control and increase the risk of a crash.

### Remedy:

Dealers will replace the tie rod ends and realign the front axle, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 12, 2024. Owners may contact Navistar customer service at 1-800-448-7825. Navistar's number for this recall is 24510.

### 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.

Navistar, Inc.'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

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