



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

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NEF-107DC
24V-524

Subject: Steering Gear Link Rod Improperly Tightened

Dear Mr. Beauregard:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volvo Bus 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:

VOLVO BUS/9700/2024

Mfr's Report Date: July 9, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-524

Components:

STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Problem Description:

Volvo Bus Corporation (Volvo Bus) is recalling certain 2024 Volvo 9700 vehicles. The castellated nuts securing the steering gear link rod to the steering arm and/or the pitman arm may not have been tightened properly, which can allow it to loosen.

Consequence:

A loose steering gear link rod can cause a loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Prevost will tighten the castellated nuts, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 28, 2024. Owners may contact Volvo Bus customer service at 1-866-870-2046. Volvo Bus' number for this recall is SR24-84.

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).

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.

Volvo Bus Corporation's contact for this recall will be Debora Crews who may be reached by email at debora.crews@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement