U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26E048

Manufacturer Name: K&N Engineering, Inc.
Submission Date: Jul 28, 2026
NHTSA Recall No.: 26E048
Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Manufacturer Name: K&N Engineering, Inc.
Address: 1455 Citrus St.
Riverside CA, 92507

Population

Total number of potentially involved: 44,053
Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Equipment Information

Brand / Trade 1: K&N
Model: Replacement Fuel Filter
Part Number: KN81-0300/KN81-0301/SPE-2369/SPE-2358/SPE-6932
Type: Replacement
Function: Fuel Filter
Size:
Production Dates: Jul 01, 2025 - Jul 23, 2026
Number of potentially involved: 44,053
Descriptive Information:

K&N determined the dates of manufacture of the fuel filters reported to have the non compliant O-ring by examining the shipping dates on the product received from the supplier. K&N determined the potential disintegration of the O-rings in the fuel filters began with the July 2025 shipments by testing batches of retained fuel filters for potential disintegration and reviewing Amazon reviews on when customers began leaving reviews discussing the disintegration. There are five impacted SKUs, all provided by the same supplier with the same defect: K&N 81-0300; K&N 81-0301; SPE-2369; SPE-2358; SPE-6932

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The o-ring/gasket in the fuel filter may potentially disintegrate.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

In some instances, if the o ring/gasket disintegrates, it could clog the fuel lines and cause engine performance issues, engine stalling, or create a small leak in the fuel filter. If this were to occur, potential fuel system and engine contamination or performance issues could occur which could lead to a crash, or leaking fuel may create a fire risk.

Description of the cause:

K&N believes the cause of the defect may have been a change in the material by the component manufacturer used to manufacture the fuel filter o-rings.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: Other

Name: SHANGHAI JIN DA IMP/EXP CORP

Address: NO 169 Ri Jing Road
Waigaoqiao free trade zone
Shanghai Foreign States, 200131

Country: China

Involved Components

Component Name 1: K&N Fuel Filter

Component Description: replacement fuel filter

Component Part Number: K&N 81-0300

Component Name 2: K&N Fuel Filter Element Kit

Component Description: replacement fuel filter

Component Part Number: K&N 81-0301

Component Name 3: Spectre Fuel Filter

Component Description: replacement fuel filter

Component Part Number: SPE-2369

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Component Name 4: Spectre Fuel Filter Element Kit
Component Description: replacement fuel filter
Component Part Number: SPE-2358

Component Name 5: Spectre Fuel Filter
Component Description: replacement fuel filter
Component Part Number: SPE-6932

Purchaser Information

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name:
Address:
Country:

Chronology

K&N has used this supplier for fuel filters for many years. On or about May 2026, K&N received 2 customer calls related to the o-ring disintegration. In June 2026, an additional notice was received by customer service. This prompted an immediate look into any additional claims or customer reviews, a discussion with the manufacturer, and a stop shipment. K&N also sent past held O-rings for testing to a third party, where it was discovered that under certain higher temperatures the o-rings were susceptible to disintegration within the fuel filter. It was noted that a few customers began posting reviews about the disintegration on or about November 2025 which aligned with the testing outcomes. Upon receipt of the third party testing, K&N immediately stopped shipments, alerted resellers to stop selling, and began to formalize a voluntary recall process.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Disconnect/Disable, Reimburse

Consumer Advisories: ☑ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

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K&N will ask that customers immediately remove the fuel filter and replace it with the original OEM fuel filter, or another one that is compatible with the vehicle. K&N will refund the purchase price of the recalled fuel filter, after that filter is returned to K&N with proof of its purchase. K&N will pay all shipping charges. At this time there is no replacement component being offered.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

N/A

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

K&N ceased shipments from this supplier of these components and has discontinued these SKUs.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:
K&N will issue a full refund for the fuel filter, including any shipping, with proof of purchase.

Period of reimbursement:
Indefinitely.

Costs to be reimbursed:
Cost of fuel filter and any applicable shipping to return.

Address for reimbursement claims:
741 Refuge Way
Grand Prairie TX, 75050

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

The recall notice was sent out 7/22/2026 and 7/23/2026 to the re-sellers of this product and request that they directly contact their customers or provide us a list of customer names and information for notification purposes. Amazon accounts for over 80% of the sale of these products and will contact the direct consumers through their internal notification process. Direct to consumer letters for K&N's direct customers will be sent out the week of 7/27/2026, if not earlier. Additionally, K&N has set up a dedicated phone number and email for this recall and return: The Phone Number is: (866)-401-5660 and the email is recallreturn@knfilters.com.

Planned Dealer Notification Date:	☑ No Dealers
Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:	☑ No Owners
Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:	☐ Phased Recall