



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V037

Manufacturer Name: Polestar Automotive USA, Inc.

Submission Date: Jan 23, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V037

Manufacturer Recall No.: RP1079

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Polestar Automotive USA,
Inc.

Address: 933 MacArthur Blvd.
Mahwah NJ, 07430

Total number of potentially involved: 213

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 POLESTAR POLESTAR 3

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Oct 06, 2024 - Sep 22, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 213

Descriptive Information:

Polestar was notified by Volvo Cars that the striker bracket for the rear seat backrest was not assembled according to specification on certain Polestar 3 vehicles during production at the US factory in Charleston. The striker bracket should be tightened using two nuts, however on the affected vehicles, only one nut was found to be tightened correctly. This means that the rear seat backrest structure does not fulfill the necessary requirements on the affected vehicles, and there is a risk that cargo in the luggage compartment could cause the rear seat backrest to release and cargo to enter the main cabin in the event of a crash.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Polestar was notified by Volvo Cars that the striker bracket for the rear seat backrest was not assembled according to specification on certain Polestar 3 vehicles during production at the US factory in Charleston. The striker bracket should be tightened using two nuts, however on the affected vehicles, only one nut was found to be tightened correctly. This means that the rear seat backrest structure does not fulfill the necessary requirements on the affected vehicles, and there is a risk that cargo in the luggage compartment could cause the rear seat backrest to release and cargo to enter the main cabin in the event of a crash. Operators at the manufacturing plant did not follow the proper instructions on how to correctly assembly the striker brackets.

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FMVSS1: 207 - Seating systems

FMVSS2:

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

On the affected vehicles with incorrectly torqued rear seat backrest striker bracket attaching nuts, there is a risk that cargo in the luggage compartment may shift and could cause the rear seat backrest to release and cargo to enter the main cabin in the event of a crash.

Description of the cause:

The striker bracket for the rear seat backrest was not assembled according to specification on certain Polestar 3 vehicles during production at the US factory in Charleston. The striker bracket should be tightened using two nuts, however on the affected vehicles, only one nut was found to be tightened correctly.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

N/A

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Volvo Car Corporation

Address: Gunnar Engellaus Vag 8
Gothenburg Foreign States, 41878

Country: Sweden

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Rear seat backrest striker bracket mount & nuts

Component Description: Rear seat backrest striker bracket mount

Component Part Number:

Chronology

On 2026-01-07, Polestar was informed by its supplier about the potential quality issue.

On 2026-01-13, Polestar's supplier confirmed the potential critical safety concern.

On 2026-01-19, Polestar decided the issue as a critical safety concern.

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On 2026-01-20, Polestar decided to conduct voluntary safety recall.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Repair

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

To remedy the concerned vehicles, Polestar will perform a visual inspection of the rear seat backrest striker bracket mounting nuts and bracket mounting position. If incorrectly mounted, correctly mount the bracket and properly torque the attaching nuts. This will be performed on affected vehicles free-of-charge.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Seat striker bracket is incorrectly mounted and only one of the two nuts has been properly torqued. Operators at the plant are ensuring to follow the operating procedures established to correctly mount the rear seat backrest mounting bracket and properly torque the two attaching nuts.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Operators at the plant are ensuring to follow the operating procedures established for correctly mounting/positioning and torquing the two attaching nuts for the rear seat backrest mounting bracket.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

Please note that all of these vehicles are within warranty and any repairs made would have been covered. However in the unlikely event a customer did pay for this repair prior to receiving the customer notification letter, the customer may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy for the problem associated with this recall.

Period of reimbursement:

Through-out vehicle life for this recall.

Costs to be reimbursed:

All costs associated with this repair.

Address for reimbursement claims:

Polestar Customer Service
777 MacArthur Blvd
Mahwah NJ, 07430

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Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Planned dealer Notification Begin: January 23, 2026
Planned dealer Notification End: January 26, 2026
Planned Owner Notification Begin: March 22, 2026
Planned Owner Notification End: March 22, 2026

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jan 23, 2026 - Jan 26, 2026

No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Mar 22, 2026 - Mar 22, 2026

Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Jan 30, 2026