



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 26V088

**Manufacturer Name:** Shyft Group

**Submission Date:** Feb 17, 2026

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 26V088

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** 26-01

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Shyft Group

**Address:** 1541 Reynolds Road  
Charlotte MI, 48813

**Total number of potentially involved:** 149

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 100%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2024-2025 BLUE ARC BA4L-800

**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

**Product Type:** Other

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Electric Battery Power

**Production Dates:** Jul 26, 2024 - Apr 18, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 149

**Descriptive Information:**

Vehicles subject to this recall are single stage, electric driven delivery service vehicles built by Shyft which utilize metric washers and fasteners to mount the steering gear mounting box. Shyft does not mount steering gear boxes in other product models.

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

Due to potentially improperly hardened fasteners, steering gearbox mounting fasteners may loosen or back out of the steering gearbox over time.

**FMVSS1:**

**FMVSS2:**

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

Loose or missing steering gearbox mounting fasteners may cause binding or inability to steer the vehicle which could increase the risk of a crash.

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## Description of the cause:

The hardness specification for the washers is too soft for the application.

## Identification of any warning that can occur:

Initial loosening of the steering gear box mounting fasteners may occur without warning. However, as the loosening of the fasteners continue, drivers may notice excessive play or delay in response of the steering system. In certain cases, electrical fault codes related to the steering system may be displayed on the vehicle's instrument panel.

## Component Manufacturer

### Tier of Supplier:

### Supplier Type:

### Name:

### Address:

### Country:

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Washer

**Component Description:** Washer Flat Hardened Metric

**Component Part Number:** 70001996

## Chronology

On December 16, 2025, while troubleshooting warning messages related to the steering system, Shyft technician observed a loose and missing steering gear mounting fastener. The vehicle was transported from California to Michigan for evaluation and removal of the gear box. On December 23, 2025, vehicle inspection was concluded, deformed washer was observed on two of the remaining fasteners. On January 6, 2026, a review of production records for the complainant vehicle was conducted to determine if fasteners were properly torqued. No deficiencies in torque were identified. On January 16, a torque test was conducted using new fasteners and washers. Deformation of certain washers was observed. Specification information was pulled for the washers and engineering analysis conducted. The washer hardness appeared to be too soft for the application. Shyft's technician continued to inspect vehicles and no loose steering gear mounting box fasteners were observed until February 9, 2026 Shyft technician identified a vehicle that exhibited a missing steering gear mounting box fastener with the remaining fasteners being loose. On February 10, 2026, Shyft determined a safety related defect may exist in the affected vehicles.

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Related NHTSA Recall Number:

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Replace

**Consumer Advisories:**  Do Not Drive  Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

Shyft will replace the steering gearbox mounting fasteners and washers of required hardness. The repair may take up to 20 hours and will be provided at no charge.

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

The remedy will contain washers of appropriate hardness.

**Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:**

These vehicles are no longer in production.

## Reimbursement Plan

**Description of reimbursement program:**

Vehicles subject to this recall are still within their factory warranty period. Failures identified have been covered under the vehicles regular, factory warranty.

**Period of reimbursement:**

**Costs to be reimbursed:**

**Address for reimbursement claims:**

## Recall Schedule

**Description of recall schedule:**

Owner letters will be mailed as listed below. Shyft will use its internal resources to conduct the remedy. Dealers are not affected.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:**

No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**

No Owners

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**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Feb 23, 2026 - Feb 23, 2026  Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:**