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National Highway
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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V163

Manufacturer Name: Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC

Submission Date: Apr 28, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V163

Manufacturer Recall No.: D098 D113

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC

Address: 100 Jaguar Land Rover
Way
Mahwah NJ, 07495

Total number of potentially involved: 582

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 LAND ROVER DEFENDER

Product Category: Light Vehicles

Product Type: Multipurpose Passenger Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Nov 03, 2025 - Mar 24, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 582

Descriptive Information:

Jaguar Land Rover is conducting a voluntary safety recall campaign involving certain 2026 MY Land Rover Defender vehicles built at the Nitra Vehicle Assembly Plant from November 3, 2025 - February 20, 2026. 498 Land Rover Defender vehicles in the United States and Federalized Territories. The basis for the recall population of Land Rover Defenders was determined by matching the supplier raw material consumption records through to batch component production into vehicle production; in addition, parts produced during a labor shortage at the supplier have been included in the recall.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

A concern has been identified where the third-row lower seat belt anchorage bracket may contain a weld stud of insufficient ISO strength due to material contamination at the supplier.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

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An insufficiently strong weld stud in this position could result in the safety restraint system not functioning correctly in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of occupant injury.

Description of the cause:

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Belrise Industries

Address: Belrise Industries
Ranjangaon
Pune Foreign States, 412209

Country: India

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Lower seat belt anchorage bracket RH

Component Description: Lower seat belt anchorage bracket RH

Component Part Number: L8B2104B36AE

Component Name 2: Lower seat belt anchorage bracket LH

Component Description: Lower seat belt anchorage bracket LH

Component Part Number: L8B2104B37AE

Chronology

On 26 February 2026, a pre-stop shipment meeting was held following a small number of reports in the vehicle assembly plant of third row lower seat belt anchorage weld studs fracturing during manual torque operation. A cross-functional team was set up to establish whether there was any risk to the strength of bolts fitted to already built vehicles. It was reported that, whilst not conclusive, analysis of tooling records indicated potential anomalous stud performance in vehicles manufactured from 09 December 2025. It was decided in the abundance of caution to issue a Stop Ship order and pause the handover of affected vehicles to customers whilst the investigation continued.

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On 05 March 2026, following results from a supplier 8D investigation, material analysis and component shipment records, the pre stop shipment meeting was reconvened and concluded that the earliest date that at-risk parts could have been fitted to vehicles was 04 November 2025. The Stop Ship vehicle range was extended, and as it was established that there were vehicles which were likely to have been handed over to customers. A Product Safety and Compliance Committee (PSCC) investigation was opened.

On 06 March 2026, the PSCC reviewed the issue and heard that destructive testing had been carried out on unfractured weld studs in the at-risk range. The results of this testing confirmed that the material composition of weld studs on customer vehicles was likely to be substandard. It was decided to refer the matter to the PSCC Decision Forum for determination.

On 12 March 2026, the PSCC Decision Forum determined that the defect represents an unreasonable risk to safety and instructed that a safety recall be carried out to remedy the affected vehicles.

On 25 March 2026, JLR's assembly plant received test results from replacement parts showing shore hardness marginally below that which was expected. Out of an abundance of caution the recall activity was halted.

From 26 March through to 31 March 2026, further activity was carried out to finalize an alternative repair mechanism and administrative route to ensure that vehicles could be repaired as soon as possible. JLR campaign code D113 was additionally allocated to this recall to help manage vehicle repair activities, with particular regard to the unsold vehicles.

On 26 March 2026, JLR was made aware of the use of a temporary workforce at the supplier for a short period. Through the PSCC, JLR sought to understand whether this may have had any impact on the production of the seat belt anchorage brackets and commissioned a further review into the supplier processes. A quarantine was issued to prevent the onward sale of any potentially affected vehicles whilst this review took place, and unsold vehicles were included in the D113 population.

On 17 April 2026, the PSCC was informed through the conclusions of the supplier reviews that there was a risk of unhardened studs having mixed with the hardened studs prior to use in the final welded bracket. The matter was referred to the PSCC Decision Forum.

On 22 April 2026, the PSCC Decision Forum was informed that there was a small number of vehicles which had been fitted with at-risk parts which had not been captured by either the initial recall or the subsequent quarantine notice, and instructed that they be added to the recall population.

JLR has not received any claims or field reports in the US related to this concern.

There have been no reported accidents, injuries or fires in the US as a result of this concern.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair, Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Vehicles will have the third-row lower seat belt anchorage bracket replaced, or the weld-stud on the bracket replaced with an equivalent standalone bolt.

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There will be no charge to the owners for this permanent repair.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The replacement parts incorporate weld studs which have been through additional quality control processes at the supplier and are assured to be of the correct material specification and hardness.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The defect was cut off in production when components of assured material quality were manufactured and shipped to JLR's vehicle assembly plant for use on vehicles from 27 February 2026. A further limited production period at the supplier has been affected by temporary labor where inadequate material controls led to unhardened studs potentially mixing with hardened studs prior to use in final assembly. This limited period has been cut off in vehicle production from 26 March 2026.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Notifications to dealers will occur on or before April 2, 2026. Distribution of owner notification letters will occur on or before May 15, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Apr 02, 2026 - Apr 02, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: May 15, 2026 - May 15, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: