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National Highway
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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V349

Manufacturer Name: ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC

Submission Date: Jun 26, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V349

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC

Address: 51165 Greenfield Parkway
Middlebury IN, 46540

Total number of potentially involved: 42

Estimated percentage with defect: 26%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 ARBOC SPECIALTY VEHICLES SPIRIT OF FREEDOM

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Nov 10, 2025 - Apr 24, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 8

Descriptive Information:

Specific buses/VINs have the affected Q'Straint retractors installed; other buses/VINs do not.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 ARBOC SPECIALTY VEHICLES SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jan 16, 2026 - Mar 17, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 1

Descriptive Information:

Specific buses/VINs have the affected Q'Straint retractors installed; other buses/VINs do not.

Vehicle 3: 2025-2025 ARBOC SPECIALTY VEHICLES SPIRIT OF EQUUS

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Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Nov 10, 2025 - Feb 20, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 2

Descriptive Information:

Specific buses/VINs have the affected Q'Straint retractors installed; other buses/VINs do not.

Vehicle 4: 2026-2026 ARBOC SPECIALTY VEHICLES SPIRIT OF MOBILITY

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Nov 12, 2025 - Apr 24, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 31

Descriptive Information:

Specific buses/VINs have the affected Q'Straint retractors installed; other buses/VINs do not.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Wheelchair restraint retractor may not lock.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

An unlocked retractor will not properly secure a wheelchair and place the passenger at a risk of serious injury or death during vehicle travel, emergency maneuvers, or a crash.

Description of the cause:

Sticking of the auto release function due to interference between internal components.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

An unlocked retractor is detectable when performing standard functional inspection, pre-trip inspection, or observed abnormal wheelchair movement per Q'Straint User and Care Manual.

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Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1**Supplier Type:****Name:** Q'Straint**Address:** FL, 33334**Country:** United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Restraint**Component Description:** TIE DOWN KIT, QRT 360 RETRACTORS ONLY (NO SLIDE & CLICK BOTTOM ASSY) CEILING MOUNT-Vendor PN: Q-10024**Component Part Number:** 2006161**Component Name 2:** Restraint**Component Description:** TIE DOWN KIT, QRT 360 RETRACTORS W/L TRACK FTGS, LAP & SHOULDER BELT RESTRAINT-Vendor PN:Q-10007**Component Part Number:** 2002343**Component Name 3:** Restraint**Component Description:** TIE DOWN KIT, QRT 360 RETRACTORS W/S&C FTGS, LAP & SHOULDER BELT-Vendor PN:Q-8600-A1-SC**Component Part Number:** 2001736

Chronology

- 14-May-2026: ARBOC was formally advised by Q'Straint – supplier of the suspect restraints – that an equipment recall had been issued (26E022) due to some restraints distributed to ARBOC may not fully lock.
- 14-May-2026: ARBOC discussed the issue with Q'Straint telephonically to get clarity on the check/test method.
- 15-May-2026: ARBOC begins to confirm what buses may be affected by the suspect restraints.
- 22-May-2026: ARBOC holds a Special Safety Committee meeting; concurrence was provided to issue this recall.

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Related NHTSA Recall Number: 23E022

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Inspection and replacement as needed.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Remedy components will be of a different Date of Manufacture (DOM) Identification that do not exhibit the defect.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

ARBOC stopped shipment 14-May-2026 if any vehicles had the suspect components installed.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealers were notified on 26-May-2026. Owner notifications will be issued not later than 24-Jul-2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: May 26, 2026 - May 26, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Jul 24, 2026 - Jul 24, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: