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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V444

Manufacturer Name: Volvo Trucks North America

Submission Date: Jul 09, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V444

Manufacturer Recall No.: RVXX2607

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Volvo Trucks North America

Address: 7900 National Service Road
Greensboro NC, 27409

Total number of potentially involved: 3,794

Estimated percentage with defect: 0.1%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 VOLVO VHD

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Truck

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Feb 03, 2025 - Jul 21, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 533

Descriptive Information:

The suspect population was determined using vehicle manufacturing records. Vehicles included in the recall were built in the suspect period from 2/3/25 to 7/24/25. Vehicles from the suspect time period not included in this recall have reached at least 70,000 miles.

Vehicle 2: 2026-2026 VOLVO VNL (4)

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Tractor

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Feb 03, 2025 - Jul 24, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 2,001

Descriptive Information:

The suspect population was determined using vehicle manufacturing records. Vehicles included in the recall were built in the suspect period from 2/3/25 to 7/24/25. Vehicles from the suspect time period not included in this recall have reached at least 70,000 miles.

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The suspect population was determined using vehicle manufacturing records. Vehicles included in the recall were built in the suspect period from 2/3/25 to 7/24/25. Vehicles from the suspect time period not included in this recall have reached at least 70,000 miles.

Vehicle 4: 2026-2026 VOLVO VN**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Tractor**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Feb 03, 2025 - Jul 21, 2025**Number of potentially involved:** 1,101**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was determined using vehicle manufacturing records. Vehicles included in the recall were built in the suspect period from 2/3/25 to 7/24/25. Vehicles from the suspect time period not included in this recall have reached at least 70,000 miles.

Vehicle 5: 2026-2026 VOLVO VAH**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** Tractor**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Feb 03, 2025 - Jul 21, 2025**Number of potentially involved:** 148**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was determined using vehicle manufacturing records. Vehicles included in the recall were built in the suspect period from 2/3/25 to 7/24/25. Vehicles from the suspect time period not included in this recall have reached at least 70,000 miles.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

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Certain 2026 model year Volvo VN, VHD, VAH, VNL (4) and VNR (4) vehicles may have been built with steering knuckles that have insufficient torque on steering arm fasteners.

FMVSS1:**FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

The loosening of a steering arm could result in a loss of steering, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Description of the cause:

Currently under investigation with the third-party supplier that assembles steering knuckles.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

There are no warnings that precede this condition.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1**Supplier Type:** OEM**Name:** Volvo Trucks**Address:** 7900 National Service Rd
Greensboro NC, 27409**Country:** United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: FLANGE SCREW**Component Description:** SPECIAL**Component Part Number:** 1079490**Component Name 2:** FLANGE SCREW**Component Description:** SPECIAL**Component Part Number:** 1079491

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Chronology

July 17, 2025: Field report received about a potential loss of steering for a vehicle manufactured in May 2025.

July 18, 2025: Product Safety Office launches a potential safety investigation for a loss of steering based on the field report received on July 17.

August 11, 2025: Field report received about a potential loss of steering for a vehicle manufactured in March 2025.

August 11, 2025: Warranty claim from June 2025 is filed reporting a potential loss of steering for a vehicle manufactured in February 2025.

August 18, 2025: Supplier issued quality alert to line operators and implemented a secondary manual torque check as well as visual inspection of torque seal on fasteners.

September 25, 2025: Third-party supplier 8D reviewed; a single under-torqued fastener condition could not be replicated. It is hypothesized that an operator error led to the condition.

November 14, 2025: Field report received about a potential loss of steering for a vehicle manufactured in July 2025.

November 21, 2025: Electronic Poka Yoke system is put in place at supplier facility to stop under-torqued parts from moving further in the assembly process until correct torque values are recorded.

December 10, 2025: Additional field report received about a potential loss of steering for vehicles manufactured June 2025

December 18, 2025: A warranty claim regarding a potential loss of steering is received from outside the United States for a vehicle manufactured in April 2025.

February 17, 2026: A new investigation begins into potential loosening of fasteners on assemblies with acceptable torque trace information.

March 24, 2026: Supplier implemented a secondary manual torque check.

June 3, 2026: Supplier fixture improvements are put in place to secure torquing operation.

June 15, 2026: Product Safety Evaluation Committee reviews investigation and determines that more information is needed.

June 29, 2026: Product Safety Evaluation Committee reviews investigation information and recommends escalation to the Product Safety Committee.

July 2, 2026: Product Safety Committee determines that a product safety issue exists and decides to initiate a recall.

There have been 5 field reports and 6 warranty claims, with no accidents or injuries reported related to this issue. Field reports and warranty claims are linked to 7 unique VINs.

The following is the breakdown of claims per build period:

2025: Feb-1, March-1, April-1, May-1, June-2, July-1

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

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Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair**Consumer Advisories:** ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside**Description of remedy program:**

Affected vehicles will be recalled. Steering arm-to-steering knuckle fasteners will be inspected and torqued to the proper specification. Any damaged or nonconforming components will be replaced as necessary.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy component will have properly torqued fasteners for the steering arm.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Our third-party supplier implemented manual torque checks until an electronic monitoring system was put in place to ensure fasteners were torqued correctly before the steering knuckle assembly could move to the next station.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer notifications will begin on or before July 16, 2026.
Owner notifications will begin on or before September 6, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 16, 2026 - Jul 16, 2026☐ No Dealers**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**☐ No Owners**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Sep 07, 2026 - Sep 07, 2026☐ Phased Recall**Date when VIN will be searchable:** Jul 16, 2026