



U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V479

Manufacturer Name: ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC

Submission Date: Jul 24, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V479

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC

Address: 51165 Greenfield Parkway
Middlebury IN, 46540

Total number of potentially involved: 502

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2017-2026 ARBOC SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jan 16, 2017 - Jul 17, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 502

Descriptive Information:

Based off of current manufacturing processes.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Incorrect washer installed during production on rear spring hanger bolts.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

May cause rear spring hanger to become disconnected from the frame, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:

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Manufacturing error.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Noises from the rear of the vehicle or ill handling.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Washer

Component Description: SAE Flat Washer

Component Part Number: 1202090

Chronology

1. 10-Jul-2026: Phone call received/Text message of pictures from a dealer.
2. 13-Jul - 15-Jul-2026: ARBOC SV did research of past and current production process and design.
3. 17-Jul-2026: A Special Safety Meeting was held. Concurrence was made that a recall was necessary.
4. ARBOC had not received previous reports for this condition.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

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Remove all spring hanger bolts and install correct size washers.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy component has a larger outer diameter than the recalled component.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Communicated to production that larger washer needed to be used.
Corrected in production on 7/20/2026.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer notifications will occur on or before 31-Jul-2026.

Owner notifications will be complete on or before 18-Sep-2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jul 31, 2026 - Jul 31, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 18, 2026 - Sep 18, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: