



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Joseph Heckendorn  
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NEF-150KL  
20E-038

**Subject:** Rear Axle Output Shaft May Fracture and Detach

Dear Mr. Heckendorn:

This letter serves to acknowledge Dana Incorporated's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

DANA/DRIVE AXLE/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 11, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20E-038

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:DRIVESHAFT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,001

**Problem Description:**

Dana Incorporated (Dana) is recalling certain Heavy Vehicle Output shafts, part number 131536, used in drive axles manufactured for commercial vehicles. The output shafts may not have been properly heat treated, which can cause the shaft to fracture at the transition of the shaft splines to the thread, allowing the shaft or the interaxle driveline to detach from the vehicle.

**Consequence:**

If the rear axle shaft or interaxle driveline detaches from the vehicle, this may increase the risk of injury or crash.

**Remedy:**

Dana has notified the purchasers and dealers will inspect and replace any output shafts that have not been properly heat treated, as necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not supplied a notification schedule. Owners may contact Dana customer service at 1-419-887-3000.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective or noncomplying component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which you notified the drive axle purchasers regarding this safety recall.

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**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

It is our understanding that notification to purchasers began prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Dana to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement