



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

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NEF-107KL  
21E-052

**Subject:** Automatic Locking Retractor Malfunction/FMVSS 208

Dear Maryann Perttunen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Autoliv, Inc.'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:**

AUTOLIV/SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 14, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21E-052

**Components:**

SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 76,986

**Problem Description:**

Autoliv, Inc. (Autoliv) is recalling certain Automatic Locking Retractor (ALR) seat belt assemblies. The ALR may deactivate early, before the webbing is fully retracted. As such, these assemblies fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

**Consequence:**

A seat belt retractor that does not function as intended can increase the risk of injury during a crash.

**Remedy:**

Autoliv will work with the vehicle manufacturers, and provide replacement seatbelt assemblies for any non-compliant products free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Autoliv customer service at 1-248-276-0722.

**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.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

We note that your report states that Autoliv believes that this matter does not have a safety risk. In our view, this statement has no force or effect in terms of Autoliv's obligation to undertake and complete the recall, and NHTSA does not agree with it.



**Please ensure the following requirements are met:**

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify purchasers regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c) (8)(ii)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

Autoliv, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement