



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Gerard Hones
Volvo Trucks North America
7900 National Service Road
Greensboro, NC 27409

NEF-107MR
21E-057

Subject: Lift Axle Suspension System Hardware May Separate

Dear Mr. Hones:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volvo Trucks North America'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:

WATSON & CHALIN/SL2065/9999

Mfr's Report Date: June 24, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-057

Components:

SUSPENSION: MULTIPLE AXLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

Volvo Trucks North America (Volvo Trucks) is recalling one Watson and Chalin steerable lift axle suspension system with part number SL2065.27. The lower rear pivot cap screws may not be long enough to sufficiently engage the locking feature of the corresponding nuts.

Consequence:

The short screws can cause the hardware to separate from the suspension system and become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Remedy:

Volvo Trucks will install a replacement lower rear pivot fastener hardware kit, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 16, 2021. Owners may contact Volvo Trucks customer service at 1-800-528-6586.

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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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.

Volvo Trucks North America's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement