

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

January 26, 2022

Ms. Lisa Sampson Rosenbauer America 100 3rd St Lyons, SD 57041 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107MR 22V-025

**Subject:** Rear Axle Drive Pinion May Fracture

Dear Ms. Sampson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Rosenbauer 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:

ROSENBAUER/COMMANDER/2021 ROSENBAUER/WARRIOR/2021

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 21, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-025

**Components:** 

STEERING: RACK AND PINION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 20

### **Problem Description:**

Rosenbauer America (Rosenbauer) is recalling certain 2021 Commander and Warrior vehicles equipped with Meritor 180 series drive pinions. The rear axle drive pinion may fracture.

### **Consequence:**

A fractured drive pinion may contact the brake drop hose, and unintentionally engage the parking brake without detection, or without the brake lights activating, increasing the risk of a crash.

## Remedy:

Meritor will inspect and replace the drive pinion, as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed March 1, 2022. Owners may contact Rosenbauer customer service at 1-651-462-1000.

### **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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Rosenbauer 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

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