

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

March 21, 2022

Mr. Michael Amlin Vicinity Motor Corporation 3168 - 262nd Street Aldergrove, BC V4W 2Z6 Aldergrove V4W 2Z6 NEF-107MR 22V-148

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Power Steering Gear Box Damage

Dear Mr. Amlin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vicinity Motor Corporation'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:

VICINITY/VI38/2020-2021

Mfr's Report Date: March 11, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-148

Components:

STEERING:GEAR BOX:MOUNTING BRACKET

Potential Number of Units Affected: 92

Problem Description:

Vicinity Motor Corporation (Vicinity) is recalling certain 2020-2021 Vi38 vehicles. The power steering gear box may become damaged, resulting in a loss of steering control.

Consequence:

A loss of steering control increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy

Dealers will inspect and replace the steering gear box assembly, if necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in March 2022. Owners may contact Vicinity's customer service at 1-604-607-4000. Vicinity's number for this recall is Campaign 000-043.

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:

The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)). If less than 1%, amend your filing to state 1% and provide the actual calculated amount in the first product text box.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. If claim count exceeds 10 claims, please provide the total number of claims, and a receipt date range for those claims. Please also add the date that Vicinity decided to perform a recall.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received Vicinity's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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).

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 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.

Vicinity Motor Corporation'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

