

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

September 7, 2022

Mr. Jim Johnson Manager, Vehicle Safety & Regulatory Compliance New Flyer of America, Inc. 106 National Drive Anniston, AL 36201

Subject: Steering Gear Incorrectly Assembled

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer of America, 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:

NEW FLYER/XD40/2021-2022 NEW FLYER/XD60/2021-2022 NEW FLYER/XDE40/2021-2022 NEW FLYER/XE40/2022 NEW FLYER/XN35/2022 NEW FLYER/XN40/2022 NEW FLYER/XN60/2021

Mfr's Report Date: August 24, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-637

**Components:** STEERING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 54

# **Problem Description:**

New Flyer of America, Inc. (New Flyer) is recalling certain 2021-2022 XD40, XD60, XDE40, 2022 XN35, XE40, XN40, and 2021 XN60 transit buses. The steering gears may have been incorrectly assembled, which can cause the gear to fracture.

### **Consequence:**

A fractured steering gear can cause a loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a crash.

## Remedy:

Dealers will inspect and replace the steering gear if required, free of charge. Owner notification letters were mailed on September 2, 2022. Owners may contact New Flyer's customer service at 1-204-224-6706. New Flyer's number for this recall is R22-026.



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#### 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 be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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.

New Flyer of America, Inc.'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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