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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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NEF-107SS
23E-039

Subject: Traction Motor Mount May Crack

Dear Mr. Uhrich:

This letter serves to acknowledge SEA Electric LLC'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:
SEA DRIVE/MOTOR MOUNT/9999

Mfr's Report Date: May 19, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23E-039

Components:
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:PROPULSION SYSTEM:TRACTION MOTOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 84

Problem Description:
SEA Electric LLC (SEA Electric) is recalling certain SEA Drive SD120A battery electric drivetrain conversion kits for Hino model 195 vehicles. Vibration may cause the traction motor mount to crack, destabilizing the traction motor.

Consequence:
A loose traction motor can separate from the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:
Dealers will replace the traction motor mounts, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed June 5, 2023. Owners may contact SEA-Electric customer service at 1-833-732-3532.

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:

In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

SEA Electric LLC's contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by email at sarah.shiver@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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

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