

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

May 23, 2023

Mr. Aleksandar Krezovic VinFast Auto, LLC 12777 Jefferson BLVD Los Angeles, CA 90066 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107SS 23V-355

Subject: Blank Multifunction Head Unit Display/FMVSS 101

Dear Mr. Krezovic:

This letter serves to acknowledge VinFast Auto, 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:

VINFAST/VF8/2023

Mfr's Report Date: May 18, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-355

**Components:** 

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: INSTRUMENT CLUSTER/PANEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 999

# **Problem Description:**

VinFast Auto, LLC (VinFast) is recalling certain 2023 VF8 vehicles. A software error may cause the multifunction head unit (MHU) display to go blank. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 101, "Control and Displays."

### **Consequence:**

A blank MHU display will not show critical safety information, such as the speedometer or warning lights, which may increase the risk of a crash.

## Remedy:

VinFast will release an over-the-air (OTA) software update beginning May 25,2023, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 29, 2023. Owners may contact VinFast customer service at 1-833-846-8255. VinFast's number for this recall is VPAC-74.

#### **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:

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received VinFast's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 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.

VinFast Auto, 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

