



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Kalmer Urm
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Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc.
41280 Bridge Street
Novi, MI 48375

NEF-107MR
23V-457

Subject: Front Axle U-bolts Tightened Improperly

Dear Mr. Urm:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., 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:

HINO/NE7A/2023
HINO/NJ7A/2023
HINO/NV7A/2023

Mfr's Report Date: June 29, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-457

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT:SPRINGS:LEAF SPRING ASSEMBLY:U-BOLT, LEAF SPRING TO AXLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 64

Problem Description:

Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., Inc. (Hino) is recalling certain 2023 NE7A, NJ7A, and NV7A vehicles. The front axle U-bolts that secure the front leaf spring assembly may be over-tightened, which can cause the U-bolts to break and detach.

Consequence:

Broken U-bolts can result in a loss of vehicle handling and control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the front axle U-bolts and upper seats, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 15, 2023. Owners may contact Hino customer service at 1-248-699-9390. Hino's number for this recall is M0420.

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:



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.

Hino Motors Sales U.S.A., 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
Enforcement