

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

July 13, 2023

Mr. Vincent D'Auria Polestar Automotive USA, Inc. 270 Three Point Drive Ridgeville, SC 29485 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107SS 23V-476

Subject: Incorrectly Installed Front Lower Ball Joint

Dear Mr. D'Auria:

This letter serves to acknowledge Polestar Automotive USA, 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:

POLESTAR/POLESTAR 2/2023

Mfr's Report Date: July 12, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-476

## **Components:**

SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:LOWER BALL JOINT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3

## **Problem Description:**

Polestar Automotive USA, Inc. (Polestar) is recalling certain 2023 Polestar 2 vehicles. The front left lower ball joint may have been incorrectly installed, allowing the control arm to disconnect from the steering knuckle.

# **Consequence:**

The control arm disconnecting from the steering knuckle can cause a loss of steering, increasing the risk of a crash.

#### Remedy:

Dealers will inspect and replace the ball joint fastening bolt as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 30, 2023. Owners may contact Polestar customer service at 1-800-806-2504. Polestar's number for this recall is R10245.

#### **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.

Polestar Automotive USA, Inc.'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

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