

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

July 31, 2023

Mr. Gerard Hones Mack Trucks, Inc. 7900 National Service Road Greensboro, NC 27409 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107DC 23V-514

Subject: Battery May Short Circuit and Cause Fire

Dear Mr. Hones:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mack Trucks, 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:

MACK/LRBE/2022-2023

Mfr's Report Date: July 24, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-514

### **Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:PROPULSION SYSTEM:TRACTION BATTERY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 9

## **Problem Description:**

Mack Trucks, Inc. (Mack) is recalling certain 2022-2023 LR battery electric trucks. The rivnut threaded inserts inside the high-voltage battery may be over-tightened and break, which could result in a short circuit.

### **Consequence:**

An electrical short circuit increases the risk of a fire.

### Remedy:

Dealers will replace the batteries, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed September 15, 2023. Owners may contact Mack customer service at 1-800-866-1177. Mack's number for this recall is SC0447.

#### 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.

Mack Trucks, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Debora Crews who may be reached by email at debora.crews@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely.

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

