U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report 25V342

Manufacturer Name: Battle Motors, Inc.
Submission Date: Jun 02, 2025
NHTSA Recall No.: 25V342
Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Manufacturer Name: Battle Motors, Inc.
Address: 1951 Reiser Ave. SE
New Philadelphia OH, 44663

Population

Total number of potentially involved: 34
Estimated percentage with defect: 5.9%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2024-2025 BATTLE MOTORS LET2
Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles
Product Type: Truck
Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel
Production Dates: May 25, 2024 - Aug 19, 2024
Number of potentially involved: 34

Descriptive Information:

Based on a deviation from standard manufacturing processes, trucks that were built during a turn signal switch part shortage, had the steering wheel assembled out of its normal station. Visually there is no differentiation between products, however units involved may have a steering wheel retaining nut that is not torqued to proper specifications.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The steering wheel retaining nut is not torqued to proper specifications.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

If the steering wheel retaining nut torque is not sufficient, it can allow the steering wheel to become

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unhooked from the steering shaft, resulting in a loss of control. The loss of control may result in a crash, injury or death to operators and bystanders.

Description of the cause:

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Identification of any warning that can occur:

The steering wheel will feel loose during operation.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Steering wheel retaining nut

Component Description: Steering wheel retaining nut

Component Part Number: 365b-0123

Chronology

On or around May 19, 2025, Battle Motors was notified by one of its customers, that a steering wheel was noted as being loose during a routine inspection by the operator. During the repair process, the techician noted that no torque seal was present, indicating that the nut was not properly torqued to specification and was indeed found to be loose. The fleet manager had the remaining units of the same vintage inspected and found one other unit with a loose retaining nut and no torque seal. All other units were found to be within specification with torque seal indicating proper torque.

Battle Motors reviewed the issue and determined that during the manufacturing process of the units in question a part shortage existed for the turn signal switch resulting in a deviation from standard manufactung practices, to continue production. Units at the factory were inspected and no defects were found, as well as a coursey units produced before and after the suspected time period with no issues found.

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As a result Battle Motors has determined that a inspection and potential retorque is necessary for the potential units involved.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect

Consumer Advisories: ☑ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Customers will be notified to contact their local dealer and arrange for the retaining nut to be inspected per the appropriate service bulletin.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

No difference other than proper torque on retaining nut.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

A limited number of units were produced outside of the standard production process and normal practices resumed upon delivery of the missing component. Approximately August 19, 2024.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Beginning the week of June 9, 2025, notifications will be sent out to the dealer network, informing them of the defect and the corrective action that needs to be taken. The week of June 16, 2025, owners of the affected 34 units will be notified.

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Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jun 09, 2025 - Jun 13, 2025

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Jun 16, 2025 - Jun 20, 2025

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Jun 09, 2025