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Alex,

I am checking on which Thor Bus Companies have been named by SMI that you may be following up on.

Recall 12E-017 is for a FMVSS 217 non-compliance. FMVSS 217 has different requirements for both buses and school buses in regards to the force it requires to open the hatch. For school buses, its 40 lbs and for buses it is 60 pounds. So, their recall only applies to hatches used in school bus applications. Since we do not manufacture and school buses this would not apply to any of our vehicles. Therefore, we do not intend to issue any recall on our products with the SMI hatches.

Thanks,

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