



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

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NVS-215kjs
09V-404

SUBJECT: WHEELCHAIR LIFTS/LIFT-U

DEAR MR. ALLEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge North American Bus Industries, Inc.'s (NABI) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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:

NABI/416/2001-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-404 **Mfg's Report Date:** October 6, 2009

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 326

Summary:

NABI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2001 THROUGH 2009 416 MODEL STANDARD FLOOR CITY TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 2001 THROUGH OCTOBER 5, 2009, EQUIPPED WITH LIFT-U WHEELCHAIR LIFTS. THE LIFTS ARE EQUIPPED WITH A LOGIC BOARD ASSEMBLY FOR THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT CONTROL BOX, P/NOS. 373-0226 AND 373-0265. THE OUTBOARD RAMP BARRIER COULD FOLD IN TOWARD A LIFT PASSENGER POSSIBLY PINCHING THE PASSENGER'S FEET.

Consequence:

THE LIFT PASSENGER COULD BE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Remedy:

NABI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY LIFT-U FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT LIFT-U AT 1-209-838-2400 OR NABI CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-888-424-5844 OR 1-256-831-4296 EXT. 1307.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed NABI's proposed owner notification letter and meets the requirements of Part 577.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement