



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

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NVS-215kjs  
09V-410

**SUBJECT: AIR CONDITIONING RELAY BOARD OVERHEATS**

**DEAR MR. WALKER:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Startrans Bus Corporation (Startrans) 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:**

STARTRANS/MFASB/2006  
STARTRANS/SENATOR HD/2006-2009  
STARTRANS/SENATOR II/2006-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 09V-410   **Mfg's Report Date:** October 16, 2009

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:ELECTRICAL:AIR CONDITIONER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 182

**Summary:**

STARTRANS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2006 THROUGH 2009 TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN AUGUST 9, 2006 AND JUNE 25, 2009, EQUIPPED WITH TRANS/AIR AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS. EACH TRANS/AIR SYSTEM COMES WITH AN ELECTRICAL KIT AND EC PC BOARD WHICH IF IMPROPERLY INSTALLED COULD OVERHEAT.

**Consequence:**

OVERHEATING OF THE PC BOARD COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

STARTRANS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE BUSES WILL BE REPAIRED BY EITHER STARTRANS OR TRANS/AIR FREE OF CHARGE. PLEASE SEE TRANS/AIR'S DEFECT REPORT 09E-042. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TRANS/AIR WARRANTY AND SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 1-800-673-2446 OR STARTRANS AT 1-574-642-0811.

**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.

Please provide the following additional information and 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).

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](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

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