



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

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TRANS TECH BUS
7 LAKE STATION ROAD
WARWICK, NY 10990

NVS-215kjs
10V-095

SUBJECT: SEATS

DEAR MR. VAZQUEZ:

This letter serves to acknowledge Trans Tech Bus' (Trans Tech) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection," for which a safety recall campaign 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:

US BUS/STH5/2007
US BUS/STHF5/2007
US BUS/UNIVERSE/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-095 **Mfg's Report Date:** March 10, 2010

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5

Summary:

TRANS TECH BUS HAS NOTIFIED NHTSA ABOUT A NONCOMPLIANCE IN CERTAIN 2007 US BUS CORPORATION STHF5, STH5, AND UNIVERSE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1, 2006, AND APRIL 1, 2007, EQUIPPED WITH FREEDMAN SEATING COMPANY 33 1/2" SCHOOL BUS

BARRIERS (FREEDMAN PART NUMBER 15198) THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 222, "SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, A PASSENGER'S KNEE MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH THE REAR SURFACE OF THE NONCOMPLIANT RESTRAINING BARRIERS, WHICH COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY TO THE OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE, INC. ON BEHALF OF US BUS CORPORATION WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 31, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TRANS TECH AT 1-845-988-2333.

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

This campaign is the result of an investigation, PE-222-100303-A, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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

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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports 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 the successful completion of this recall campaign. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Person".

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