



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. JOSE VAZQUEZ  
WARRANTY ADMINISTRATOR  
TRANS TECH BUS  
7 LAKE STATION ROAD  
WARWICK, NY 10990

NVS-215kjs  
10V-253

**SUBJECT: SEATS/INCORRECT FLOOR ANCHORAGE WASHER**

**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. 210, "Seat Belt Assemblies Anchorages," 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:**

TRANS TECH/RONDAK4F+9/2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-253      **Mfg's Report Date:** June 9, 2010

**Components:** SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** To be determined

**Summary:**

TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE, INC. (TCI) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 RONDAK4F+9 TRANS TECH SCHOOL BUSES. THE PEDESTAL-TO-FLOOR ANCHOR BOLTS AND WASHERS ARE INCORRECT WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 210, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY ANCHORAGES."

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE SEAT PEDESTAL COULD COME LOOSE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY TO THE OCCUPANT.

**Remedy:**

TCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE REPAIR KITS AND INSTRUCTIONS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TCI 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.

The recall is the result of an investigation, PE-210-100707A, 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).

Please provide us with the total population and the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of the vehicles affected by this recall.

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](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 the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue 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