

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On April 13, 2010, Starcraft Bus [MFR] decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: April 14, 2010

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): EQ10-003

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Starcraft Bus, a division of Forest River, Inc.

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Larry Hall

Director of Engineering

Telephone Number: 800-348-7440 Fax No.: 574-642-3301

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Larry Hall

Director of Engineering

Signed:



¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment

2. Identify the Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall, for each make and model or applicable item of equipment product line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the item of equipment), provide:

Generic name of the item: Seat cushion retention locking mechanism

Make: SafeGuard **Model:** 39" Flex seat

Part Number: _____ **Size:**

Function:

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ **Model:**

Part Number: _____ **Size:**

Function:

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ **Model:**

Part Number: _____ **Size:**

Function:

Model Years Involved:

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ **Model:**

Part Number: _____ **Size:**

Function:

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

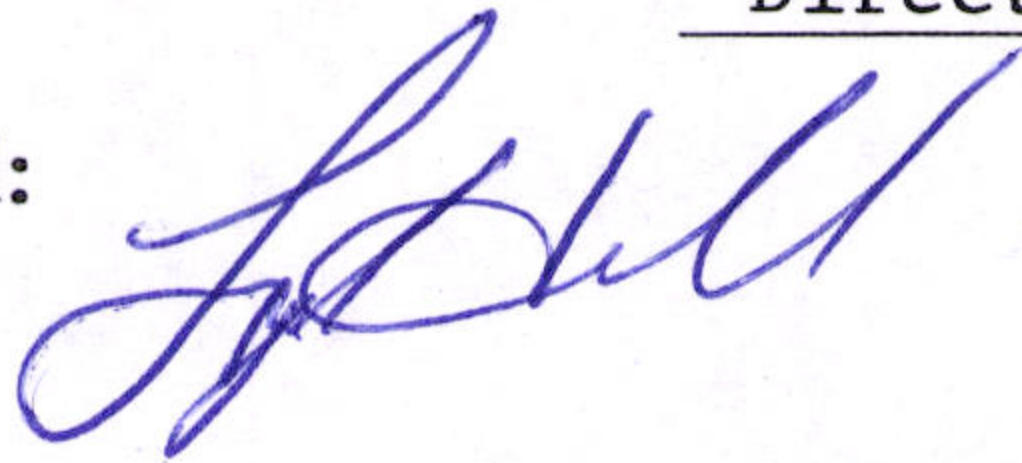
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Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996, through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

II. Identifying the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of items of equipment recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Items Potentially Involved
Quest	2010	1

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 1

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 1

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled items of equipment: Starcraft has purchased only two units worth of seats from IMMI. One set is in our inventory, the other in the unit listed above.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

IMMI has discovered that the seat cushion retention locking mechanism in certain school bus seats can be misaligned. If the mechanism is misaligned, the seat will not meet the new seat cushion retention requirements specified in S5.1.5 of FMVSS No. 222.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Seat cushion retention locking mechanism misaligned at the time of manufacturing the seat.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

If the mechanism is misaligned the seat will not meet the requirements specified in S5.1.5 of FMVSS No. 222.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

None

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Indiana Mills and Manufacturing, Inc.

18881 US 31 North

Westfield, IN 46074-0408

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

Steven R. Davis

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

Receive notice of non-compliance from National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration on April 13, 2010.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

IMMI will install a guide bracket, which will positively locate the locking mechanism relative to the design latch position. The bracket eliminates the possibility of misalignment.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Same as above.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Deferred to IMMI, Starcraft does not manufacture the seats.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

A draft of Starcraft Dealer Notification will be sent out on April 15, 2010 via fax, 202-366-7882.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

Note: These documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.