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SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

[June, 2010]

[End User]

RE: Safety Standard Non-Compliance Recall Notification 10V-219

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Dear [End User]:

Startrans Bus has decided that certain model year 2008 through 2010 MFSAB model school buses manufactured from January 2008 through April 9, 2010, equipped with Freedman seat barriers fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222. "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

! I M P O R T A N T !

- Your Startrans Bus is being recalled
- Contact Freedman Seating Company immediately

WHAT IS BEING RECALLED:

This recall applies to all Freedman Seating Barriers bearing part numbers 15198 and 38764. Shipments of barrier 15198 began in 2005 and shipments of barrier 38746 began in 2007.

WHY IS IT BEING RECALLED:

The restraining barriers are intended to reduce the number of injuries that may result from the impact of school bus occupants against structures within the vehicle during crashes and sudden driving maneuvers. Tests by Freedman reveal that when the barriers are manufactured to Freedman's specifications the barriers meet the leg protection zone performance requirements of FMVSS 222. More specifically, when the barriers have an 18 gauge backer plate, the barriers meet the leg protection zone performance requirements of FMVSS 222. Freedman has determined, however, that certain barriers have a thicker 14 gauge back plate.



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These barriers with a thicker back plate may not meet the leg protection zone performance requirements of FMVSS 222. This situation could cause personal injury.

WHAT YOU AS THE OWNER SHOULD DO:

Contact the Freedman Seating Company and they will send you a repair kit. You can choose to have Freedman provide you with the repair kit material or contact Startrans Bus Parts and Warranty Department and we can make arrangements to see that you receive the repair kit and procedure. Freedman Seating Company can be contacted at (800) 443-4540 and ask for Terry Gogins (x233) or Will Loy (x235).

WHAT FREEDMAN SEATING COMPANY WILL DO:

Freedman will ship you a repair Kit. Freedman will provide instructions on how to apply it to your Startrans Bus. You can perform this repair procedure in the field without removing the barrier from the vehicle and at no cost to you.

If after attempting to have your vehicle repaired you believe you have not been able to have your vehicle remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C., 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning these procedures please contact Startrans Bus at (877) 258-1391, extension 376 to speak to Mike Garner (Parts & Warranty Mgr.) or by email at mike.garner@startransbus.com

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern.

Sincerely,

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