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NVS-215kjs
12V-007

SUBJECT: SELF-LATCHING SEAT CUSHION/FMVSS 222

DEAR MS. AMARANDO:

This letter serves to acknowledge Trans Tech Bus' (Trans Tech) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a 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:

TRANS TECH/AG139SSSP500/2011
TRANS TECH/DDW5+9159FRLSST/2012
TRANS TECH/DW4+9139/2010
TRANS TECH/DW4+9139SST/2011
TRANS TECH/DW5+9159/2010
TRANS TECH/DW5+9159CST/2011
TRANS TECH/DW5+9159FRL/2010
TRANS TECH/DW5+9159FRLSST/2011
TRANS TECH/DW5+9159SST/2011
TRANS TECH/DW5139/2010
TRANS TECH/DW5139FRL/2010
TRANS TECH/DW6159/2010
TRANS TECH/DW6159-SST/2010
TRANS TECH/DW6159FRL/2010
TRANS TECH/DW6159FRLSST/2011
TRANS TECH/DW6159RL_SST/2009
TRANS TECH/DW6159SST/2011

TRANS TECH/DW7+9195/2010
TRANS TECH/DW8195FRL/2010
TRANS TECH/DWF6158/2011
TRANS TECH/DWF6158FRL/2011
TRANS TECH/DWF6158RLSST/2011
TRANS TECH/ROADSTAR/2010
TRANS TECH/SC139DSSA409/2011
TRANS TECH/SC159DSFP600/2011
TRANS TECH/SC159DSSA600/2011
TRANS TECH/ST3 DEMO/2010
TRANS TECH/ST3/DEMO/2011
TRANS TECH/ST4/2010
TRANS TECH/ST4-139/2010
TRANS TECH/ST5/2010
TRANS TECH/ST5139/2009
TRANS TECH/STH4/2010-2011
TRANS TECH/STH4+9/2010
TRANS TECH/STH4139/2011
TRANS TECH/STH4WC/2010
TRANS TECH/STH5139/2011
TRANS TECH/STH5FRL/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-007 **Mfg's Report Date:** January 4, 2012

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 333

Summary:

TRANS TECH IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2011 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM MAY 2010 THROUGH JULY 2011 EQUIPPED WITH C. E. WHITE SEAT CUSHIONS. THE SELF-LATCHING MECHANISM USED TO RETAIN THE SEAT CUSHION TO THE FRAME MAY NOT ACTIVATE. ACCORDINGLY, THESE SEATS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NUMBER 222, "SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:

IF THE SEAT CUSHION IS NOT FULLY LATCHED TO THE SEAT STRUCTURE, IT COULD FLIP UP OUT OF POSITION IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH. THIS COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

Remedy:

TRANS TECH WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE SEATS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2012. 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.

Please be reminded of the following:

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 1-202-366-5227, 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 black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement