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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-2151rd
12V-059

SUBJECT: SELF-LATCHING SEAT CUSHION/FMVSS 222

DEAR MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, Inc.'s (Navistar) 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:

IC BUS/BE/2011-2012
IC BUS/CE/2011-2012
IC BUS/RE/2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-059 **Mfg's Report Date:** February 15, 2012

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 677

Summary:

NAVISTAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011-2012 IC BUS BE AND CE AND CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 RE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 8, 2010 THROUGH JULY 1, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH C. E. WHITE SEAT CUSHIONS. THE SELF-LATCHING MECHANISM USED TO RETAIN THE SEAT CUSHION TO THE FRAME MAY NOT ACTIVATE. THUS, 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 SECURELY LATCHED TO THE SEAT STRUCTURE, THE SEAT COULD BECOME DISLODGED, INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

Remedy:

NAVISTAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE SEATS FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NAVISTAR AT 260-461-1890.

Notes:

NAVISTAR'S RECALL NUMBER IS 12505. 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 "Jen for" followed by a stylized signature.

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