



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. VINCENT CLINE
ENGINEERING MANAGER
STARCRAFT BUS
2408 CENTURY DRIVE
GOSHEN, IN 46528

NVS-215lrd
12V-089

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BUS SEATS/FMVSS 222

DEAR MR.CLINE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Starcraft Bus's (Starcraft) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection," for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the equipment 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:
STARCRAFT/PRODIGY/2010-2011
STARCRAFT/QUEST/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-089 **Mfg's Report Date:** March 2, 2012

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22

Summary:

STARCRAFT IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010-2011 PRODIGY AND QUEST SCHOOL BUSES, MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 11, 2010 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2011. THESE BUSES ARE EQUIPPED WITH BUS SEATS MANUFACTURED BY C.E. WHITE. THE SEATS WERE SOLD AND INSTALLED AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT FOR CERTAIN STARCRAFT SCHOOL BUSES. THE SEATS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NUMBER 222, "SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE SEAT BACK MAY FAIL, INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY TO THE SEAT'S OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

STARCRAFT WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A REINFORCING BRACKET THAT C.E. WHITE HAS PROVIDED. STARCRAFT HAS NOT PROVIDED A REMEDY SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT STARCRAFT AT 1-800-347-7440.

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 additional information:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. 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.

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).

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, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Timian".

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