



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

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NVS-215kjs
12V-090

SUBJECT: SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY/FMVSS 210

DEAR MR. DOWNEY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Transportation Collaborative, Inc.'s (TCI) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/SST/2011-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-090

Mfg's Report Date: March 13, 2012

Components: SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11

Summary:

TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE INC. (TCI) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 AND 2012 TRANS TECH MODEL SST SCHOOL BUSES, MANUFACTURED OF FORD E350 AND E450 ECONOLINE CHASSIS, THE FIBERGLASS INSTALLED FAILED TO MEET DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS, CAUSING THE INSUFFICIENT TORQUE VALVES AT THE UPPER TORSO MOUNTING POINT. AS SUCH, THESE VEHICLES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 210, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY ANCHORAGES."

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE SHOULDER RESTRAINT COULD DETACH FROM THE B-PILLAR ANCHORAGE, INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY TO THE OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

TCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS AND REPAIR KITS OR THE BUS MAY BE TAKEN TO AN AUTHORIZED REPAIR FACILITY, AT NO COST TO THE OWNER. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TCI AT 1-845-988-0419.

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 a vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

We have received TCI's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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 being more prominent.

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