



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

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STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE,
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7 LAKE STATION ROAD
WARWICK, NEW YORK 10990

NVS-215et
12V-173

SUBJECT: WHEELCHAIR LIFT/OUTER ROLL STOP LATCHING MECHANISM

DEAR MR. DOWNEY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Transportation Collaborative, Inc.'s (TCI) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described below for which a safety recall campaign will 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/DW6159FRL/2008-2010
TRANS TECH/DW6158FRL/2008-2010
TRANS TECH/DW5+9159FRL/2008-2010
TRANS TECH/DW6+9166/2008
TRANS TECH/DW8195FRL/2009
TRANS TECH/DW5159FRL/2009-2010
TRANS TECH/DW7+9195FRL/2009
TRANS TECH/STH4+9139/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-173

Mfg's Report Date: April 13, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 77

Summary:

TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE INCORPORATED (TCI) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2010 TRANS TECH BUSES EQUIPPED WITH BRAUN CENTURY-2 AND VISTA-2 WHEELCHAIR LIFTS. OVER TIME AND WITH FREQUENT USE, THE ROLL STOP LATCHES ON THE OUTER BARRIER MAY BECOME BENT OR MISALIGNED. A WHEELCHAIR OCCUPANT MAY DEFEAT OR RIDE OVER THE INSUFFICIENTLY LATCHED ROLL STOP.

Consequence:

IF THIS OCCURS WHEN THE LIFT PLATFORM IS IN AN ELEVATED POSITION, THE WHEELCHAIR'S OCCUPANT COULD FALL AND SUSTAIN INJURY.

Remedy:

TCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND THE REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY AUTHORIZED BRAUN DEALERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TCI AT 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).

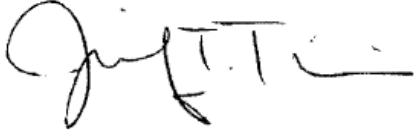
We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, by email at Edison.Thompson@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for 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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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