



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

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NVS-2151rd  
12V-294

**SUBJECT: INTERIOR LOWER LINING JOINT/FMVSS 221**

**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 (FMVSS) No. 221, "School bus body joint strength," 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/CE/2011-2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-294      **Mfg's Report Date:** June 20, 2012

**Components:** STRUCTURE: BODY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 158

**Summary:**

NAVISTAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011-2012 IC CE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9, 2010. THE INTERIOR LOWER LINING FAILS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 221, "SCHOOL BUS BODY JOINT STRENGTH."

**Consequence:**

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY TO VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

**Remedy:**

NAVISTAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND RETIGHTEN JOINT SCREWS TO THE PROPER SPECIFICATION, FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 20, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NAVISTAR AT 1-260-461-1890.

**Notes:**

NAVISTAR'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 12518. 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 provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at [Edison.Thompson@dot.gov](mailto:Edison.Thompson@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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