



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

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NVS-215ET
12V-334

Subject: Brake Valve Plunger

Dear Mr. FOURNIER:

This letter serves to acknowledge NOVA BUS's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:
NOVA BUS/NOVA LFS/2012

Mfr's Report Date: July 6, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-334

Components:
BRAKES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 15

Problem Description:

Nova Bus is recalling certain model year 2012 Nova LFS transit buses equipped with certain Bendix brake valves, treadle assemblies, and/or plunger kits. The brake valve plunger may fracture after brake application, resulting in reduced brake pedal angle and travel. This condition may limit the driver's ability to deliver full pressure from the foot brake valve. There is also the potential that the brake plunger could become lodged and prevent the release of the service brakes.

Consequence:

This condition could reduce braking ability and lead to loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Nova Bus will notify owners and repair the vehicles that contain the brake valves, treadle assemblies, and plunger kits, free of charge. Nova Bus has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Nova Bus at 1-800-350-6682 or Bendix at 1-440-329-9386.

Notes:

This is Nova Bus campaign number CR1875A. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic and 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 be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at edison.thompson@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

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
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Enforcement