



December 5, 2012

Revised text with highlight bar – revised number of affected vehicles

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Recall Notification
2009 & 2011~2013 Setra S417 and 2012~2013 S407 motorcoaches

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On November 15, 2012 EvoBus GmbH determine a safety defect existed in certain 2009 and 2011~2013 S 417 and 2012~2013 S 407 Setra motorcoaches and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

On November 30, 2012 NHTSA assigned recall number 12V-547.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: EvoBus GmbH, Neu-Ulm, Germany

**Manufacturer's
designated importer and
sales agent:** Michael Anstead
Motor Coach Industries, Inc.
7001 Universal Coach Drive
Louisville, KY. 40258
Telephone: (502)318-3077

**Manufacturer's
regulatory agent:** Bill Nicolle
Daimler Buses North America
350 Hazelhurst Road
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. L5J 4T8
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573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Setra S417	Model year 2009	WKKA57PH293000001 / May 2009 up to WKKA57PH893000004 / Sept. 2009

Setra S417TC	Model year 2011	WKKA57PH2B3000005 / Oct. 2009 up to WKKA57PH8B3010070 / May 2011
Setra S417TC	Model year 2012	WKKA57PH8C3010071 / July 2011 up to WKKA57PHXC3010119 / May 2012
Setra S417TC	Model year 2013	WKKA57PH4D3010120 / June 2012 up to WKKA57PHXD3010137 / Oct. 2012
Setra S407 CC	Model year 2012	WKKA40PH8C3050001 / Aug. 2010 up to WKKA40PH4C3050058 / Nov. 2011
Setra S407CC	Model year 2013	WKKA40PH4D3050059 / June 2012 up to WKKA40PH6D3050063 / June 2012

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles:

198

573.6(c)(4)

Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect:

Approx. 15%

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

Due to the routing of the ground wire near the alternator connector, chaffing/abrasion and contact of wiring may occur and could lead to a short circuit which may result in a fire. There have been no reported incidents of fire in possibly affected motorcoaches.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology :

Sept. 20, 2012	Receipt of first service report describing the defect
Sept. 26, 2012	Decision for further investigations at similar vehicles
Nov.15, 2012	EvoBus GmbH determined a safety defect existed in certain Setra motorcoaches

573.6(c)(8)(i)

Program for remedying the defect:

MCI – the designated importer and sales agent for the affected motorcoaches - will notify affected customers of this defect and the potential safety consequences. Subsequent notifications and the remedy – to reroute the harness and apply a different cable shoe and a shrink hose – will be undertaken without charge to the customer, and by agreement, MCI will be reimbursed by EvoBus GmbH.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date for notification to customers: Target mid Dec. 2012 by MCI

The estimated date to provide service bulletin: Target mid Dec. 2012 by MCI

The estimated date of completion of the notification: Target mid Dec. 2012 by MCI

573.6(c)(9)

Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the service bulletin will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(10)

Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

15.40U08377A.

Sincerely,

Daimler Buses North America

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Nicolle', enclosed within a large, loopy oval shape.

Bill Nicolle
Safety and Compliance Officer