



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 17, 2013

Mr. Dan Allen
Chief Engineer
North American Bus Industries, Inc.
106 National Drive
Anniston, AL 36207

NVS-215KS
13V-131

Subject: Defroster Switch may Overheat

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter serves to acknowledge North American Bus Industries, Inc.'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:

NABI/31LFW/2008-2013

NABI/416/2008-2013

Mfr's Report Date: April 9, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-131

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,179

Problem Description:

North American Bus Industries (NABI) is recalling certain model year 2008-2013 416 and 31LFW transit buses manufactured October 30, 2008, through April 3, 2013 and equipped with a four-position rotary defroster switch with ring terminals. The defroster switch may overheat and melt the dash.

Consequence:

The overheating of the switch may lead to a fire or distract the driver and increase the risk of an accident.

Remedy:

NABI will notify owners and dealers will install relays to reduce the current flow. This will be done free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2013. Owners may contact NABI at 1-256-831-4296. NABI's campaign number is 20133.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please 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 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, or by email at kelly.schuler@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 the first name being more prominent.

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