



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 13, 2013

Alliance Bus
Lion Bus Inc.
820 Office Park Circle
Lewisville, TX 75057

NVS-215KS
13V-179

Subject: Brake Line may Chafe against Air Compressor Line

Dear Alliance Bus:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lion Bus 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:
LION/360/2014

Mfr's Report Date: May 6, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-179

Components:
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

Lion Bus, Inc. is recalling one model year 2014 360 bus manufactured in December 2012. Due to insufficient distance between the air compressor discharge line and the hydraulic brake line, the lines may chafe against each other resulting in a hole in the brake line.

Consequence:

A brake line hole could result in a loss of brake fluid. The fluid loss could lengthen the stopping distance required thus increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Lion Bus will notify the owner and an Alliance Bus representative will modify the bus to ensure that there is adequate distance between the air compressor discharge line and the hydraulic brake line. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule.

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.

We have received Lion Bus's 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 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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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