



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 18, 2013

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

NVS-215KS
13V-247

Subject: Brake Pedal Not Secured

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/40CLFW/2013
NABI/45CLFW/2003-2013

Mfr's Report Date: June 12, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-247

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 515

Problem Description:

North American Bus Industries, Inc. (NABI) is recalling certain model year 2003-2013 45CLFW and 2013 40CLFW transit buses manufactured November 1, 2008, through June 7, 2013. The air brake pedal mounting may become loose during application of the brake pedal.

Consequence:

If the brake pedal comes loose during use, the driver may not be able to apply the brakes as expected and required, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

NABI will notify owners and inspect and repair the buses, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2013. Owners may contact NABI at 1-256-831-4296. NABI's recall number is 20134.

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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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