



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Rick Van Laar
Compliance Manager
Navistar, Inc.
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NVS-215KS
13V-308

Subject: Failed Knee Impact Testing/FMVSS 222

Dear Mr. Van Laar:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, 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:

IC BUS/AE/2013-2014
IC BUS/BE/2011-2014
IC BUS/CE/2011-2014
IC BUS/RE/2011-2014

Mfr's Report Date: August 6, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-308

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22,264

Problem Description:

Navistar, Inc. is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 IC Bus AE, and 2011-2014 BE, CE, and RE buses. These buses were manufactured February 11, 2010, through June 17, 2013. The passenger seat foam padding did not adequately reduce the impact forces to the knee during testing. Thus, these buses fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, the seat padding may not properly protect against knee impact force, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Navistar will notify owners, and dealers will install polystyrene blocks in the lower outside corners of each seat to increase the knee protection, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin before October 2, 2013. Owners may contact Navistar at 1-800-448-7825. Navistar's recall campaign number is 13512.

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.



Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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