



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

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Mr. Timothy LaFon
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Director, Regulatory Affairs
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NVS-215KS
13V-474

Subject: Park Brake may not fully set

Dear Mr. LaFon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volvo Bus Corporation'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:

VOLVO BUS/9700/2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 25, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-474

Components:

PARKING BRAKE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22

Problem Description:

Volvo Bus Corporation (Volvo Bus) is recalling certain model year 2013 9700 coach buses manufactured April 30, 2012, through November 2, 2012. Due a manufacturing error, the guide plate in the park brake control valve may prematurely wear creating a condition that causes the park brake lever to fail to completely apply the parking brakes.

Consequence:

If the parking brakes are not completely applied, the vehicle may unintentionally move, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash or personal injury to pedestrians.

Remedy:

Volvo Bus will notify owners, and dealers will inspect, and if necessary, replace the park brake valve, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Volvo Bus at 1-336-393-2000. Volvo's recall number is SR13-87.

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).

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 required that 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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement