



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

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Mr. Rick Van Laar
Compliance Manager
Navistar, Inc.
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NVS-215KS
14V-043

Subject: Hybrid Transmission Software

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/CE/2012-2014

Mfr's Report Date: February 7, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-043

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22

Problem Description:

Navistar, Inc. is recalling certain model year 2012-2014 model year CE school buses manufactured December 31, 2010, through November 6, 2012, and equipped with Eaton-brand hybrid automated transmissions. The software controlling the affected transmissions may improperly raise the vehicle's engine speed during downshifts without the driver's input.

Consequence:

The increase in engine speed may result in unintended acceleration, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Navistar will notify owners and Eaton authorized service facilities will update the Hybrid Control Module Software version, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Navistar at 1-331-332-1590.

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 expected owners will be notified of a safety defect, on the manufacturer's letterhead, within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

We understand that Eaton will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Navistar is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Navistar to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement