



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

March 4, 2014

Mr. Nathan Miles
Elkhart Coach
4400 Wyland Drive
Elkhart, IN 46517

NVS-215KS
14V-048

Subject: Electric Door Actuator May Lead to Fire

Dear Mr. Miles:

This letter serves to acknowledge Elkhart Coach'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:

ELKHART/ECII/2009-2010

Mfr's Report Date: February 7, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-048

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 400

Problem Description:

Elkhart Coach (Elkhart) is recalling certain model year 2009-2010 ECII transit buses manufactured August 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010, and equipped with A&M Systems-brand electric door actuators. Voltage spikes may damage electrical components and electrical circuits within the actuator, causing the circuit board to develop high resistance.

Consequence:

High resistance may cause the circuit board to overheat, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Elkhart will notify owners, and dealers will replace any affected circuit board, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Elkhart at 1-574-522-0246.

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 Elkharts'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:

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.

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