



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Dan Allen
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NABI Bus, LLC
106 National Drive
Anniston, AL 36207

NVS-215KS
14V-143

Subject: CNG Fuel Tank Abrasion may Result in Leak

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter serves to acknowledge NABI Bus, LLC'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/31LFW/2013
NABI/35LFW/2013
NABI/40LFW/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: March 25, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-143

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 241

Problem Description:

NABI Bus, LLC (NABI) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 40LFW transit buses manufactured October 5, 2012, through March 17, 2014, 2013 35LFW transit buses manufactured October 21, 2013, through January 14, 2014, and 2013 31LFW transit buses manufactured February 10, 2013, through October 19, 2013, and equipped with compressed natural gas (CNG) fuel systems. In the subject vehicles, a bolt on the latch assembly that holds the CNG top covers closed may come into contact with the CNG fuel cylinder.

Consequence:

Bolt contact with the CNG cylinder may damage the CNG fuel cylinder, potentially causing a fuel leak, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

NABI Bus, LLC will notify owners, and dealers will eliminate the possible interference, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2014. Owners may contact NABI Bus at 1-256-831-4296. NABI's number for this recall is 20142.

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 fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

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