



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

**1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590**

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Mr. Timothy Downey
Transportation Collaborative, Inc.
7 Lake Station Road
Warwick, NY 10990

NVS-215KS
14V-180

Subject: Seat may not stay Anchored Down/FMVSS 207, 210

Dear Mr. Downey:

This letter serves to acknowledge Transportation Collaborative, 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:

TRANS TECH/AC139SSSA400/2013
TRANS TECH/AC139SSSA409/2011-2014
TRANS TECH/AE138SSSA409/2012-2013
TRANS TECH/CC159DMSA600/2012-2014
TRANS TECH/DW49139SST/2011
TRANS TECH/DW5139FRL/2011
TRANS TECH/DW59159FRLSST/2011
TRANS TECH/DW6159FRLSST/2011
TRANS TECH/DW6159SST/2011
TRANS TECH/DWF6158FRL/2011
TRANS TECH/RC139DSSA500/2012
TRANS TECH/RC139DSSP500/2011-2012, 2014
TRANS TECH/RC159DSSA600/2013
TRANS TECH/SC139DSFP500/2013
TRANS TECH/SC139DSSA409/2011-2014
TRANS TECH/SC139DSSA500/2011-2013
TRANS TECH/SC139DSSP500/2012
TRANS TECH/SC158DSSA600/2013
TRANS TECH/SC159DSFP509/2013
TRANS TECH/SC159DSFP600/2011-2014
TRANS TECH/SC159DSSA509/2011-2013
TRANS TECH/SC159DSSA600/2012, 2014
TRANS TECH/SC159DSSP514/2011
TRANS TECH/SC159DSSP600/2012-2013
TRANS TECH/SE138DSSA419/2011-2012
TRANS TECH/SE158DSSA600/2012
TRANS TECH/SE158DSSP600/2012
TRANS TECH/ST4/2011
TRANS TECH/ST4139/2011
TRANS TECH/STH4/2011
TRANS TECH/STH4139/2011
TRANS TECH/STH49139/2011

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NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-180

Components:

SEAT BELTS
SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 843

Problem Description:

Transportation Collaborative, Inc. (TCI) is recalling certain model year 2011-2014 Trans Tech Bus school buses manufactured January 10, 2011, through March 10, 2014, and equipped with 39" seats with or without 3-point seat belts. For the full list of the affected models, click on "Associated Documents" and then please click on "Associated Documents" and then "Noncompliance Notice(Part 573)." The affected buses have seats that may not remain properly anchored to the floor. As such, these vehicles do not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) number 207, "Seating Systems," and number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, if the seat does not remain anchored to the floor, the seat occupant has an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

TCI will notify owners and dealers will install additional mounts to secure the seats to the floor, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early may 2014. Owners may contact TCI at 1-845-988-2333.

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.

We have received TCI'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.

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