



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Gregory Vismara  
Vice President  
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NVS-215KS  
14V-222

**Subject:** Electrical Harness Connector may Corrode

Dear Mr. Vismara:

This letter serves to acknowledge Gillig 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:**

GILLIG/LOW FLOOR/2012-2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 25, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-222

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,274

**Problem Description:**

Gillig LLC (Gillig) is recalling certain model year 2012-2014 Lowfloor transit buses manufactured October 15, 2012, through March 26, 2014, and equipped with electrical harnesses with overmolded J1939 connectors and non-insulated drain wires. The harnesses do not have heat shrink tubing on the drain wire and the overmold may not have sufficient resistance to water or corrosive chemical entry to the connectors.

**Consequence:**

If the terminals corrode, there may be an intermittent electrical connection and possibly cause disruption or loss of the J1939 communication, resulting in interruptions of the engine, transmission, ABS and body controllers, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Gillig will notify owners, and dealers will replace the overmold connector, and install heat shrink tubing on the connector/cable junction, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2014. Owners may contact Gillig customer service at 1-800-735-1500.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Gillig'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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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