



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

July 3, 2014

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

NVS-215MR  
14V-296

**Subject:** Steering Column Support Bracket may Detach

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/2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 4, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-296

**Components:**

STEERING:COLUMN

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 39

**Problem Description:**

NABI Bus, LLC (NABI) is recalling certain model year 2012 31LFW city transit buses manufactured April 27, 2012, through December 16, 2012. In the affected vehicles, the steering column support bracket may not be properly welded to the dash assembly.

**Consequence:**

If the steering column support bracket detaches, the steering column may become loose, causing the steering to become inoperable, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

NABI will notify owners, and dealers will reweld or replace and reweld the steering column support bracket, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2014. Owners may contact NABI customer service at 1-256-831-4296. NABI's number for this recall is 20143.

**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).

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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