



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Compliance and Regulations
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NVS-215MR
14V-304

Subject: Driver Seat Belt Anchorage Assembly/FMVSS 210

Dear Ms. Reyntjens:

This letter serves to acknowledge Van Hool N.V.'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:

VAN HOOL/TX40/2014-2015
VAN HOOL/TX45/2014-2015

Mfr's Report Date: June 3, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-304

Components:

SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 90

Problem Description:

Van Hool N.V. (Van Hool) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 TX40 motorcoaches manufactured January 2014 through June 2014, and TX45 motorcoaches manufactured September 2013 through June 2014. The driver seat belt assembly may not be properly secured to the B-pillar anchorage and as a result the driver may not be properly restrained in the event of a crash. As such, the vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

If the seat belt is not properly secured to the anchorage, the driver is at an increased the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Van Hool designated agent ABC Bus Companies will notify Van Hool motorcoach owners, and dealers will correct the seat belt anchorage mounting, free of charge. The recall will begin July 2014. Owners may contact ABC Bus Companies customer service at 1-800-222-2875. Van Hool's number for this recall is P726.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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