



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Gregory Vismara  
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NVS-215SM  
14V-547

**Subject:** Air Brake Supply Lines Crossed/FMVSS 121

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/2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 5, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-547

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 90

**Problem Description:**

Gillig LLC (Gillig) is recalling certain model year 2014 Lowfloor transit buses manufactured January 2, 2014, to March 6, 2014. In the affected vehicles, the air brake system supply lines from the primary and secondary air tanks to the brake valves may have been crossed at the bulkhead during assembly. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems."

**Consequence:**

If the primary and secondary air brake supply lines from the tanks to the brake valve are crossed and the vehicle loses pressure in the primary tank, the vehicle service brake system performance may be reduced. In the case of a total loss of primary tank air pressure, the service brake system will not function. If the service brake system does not function or performance is reduced, an application of the brake pedal by the vehicle operator may not slow or stop the vehicle as expected, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Gillig will notify owners, and dealers will correct the installation of the primary and secondary brake supply lines, free of charge. The recall began on August 29, 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).



It is our understanding that notification to owners began on August 29, 2014, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Gillig to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification." Please submit a copy of the notification that was sent to owners.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at [sarah.mcshane@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.mcshane@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