



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Camile Chartrand  
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NVS-215KS  
14V-559

**Subject:** Ceiling Joint Missing Adhesive/FMVSS 221

Dear Mr. Chartrand:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lion Bus 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:**

LION/360/2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 11, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-559

**Components:**

STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 10

**Problem Description:**

Lion Bus Inc. (Lion Bus) is recalling certain model year 2014 360 school buses manufactured August 9, 2014, to November 9, 2014. Adhesive may not have been applied to the joint between the metal ceiling panels. As such, the buses may not meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength."

**Consequence:**

In the event of a crash, the metal ceiling joint may split apart, increasing the risk of injury to the passengers.

**Remedy:**

Lion Bus will notify owners, and dealers will install rivets to the two ceiling joints to add strength to the joints, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Lion Bus customer service at 1-855-546-6706.

**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).

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.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the test results and other information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Include the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement