



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

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Mr. Dan Allen
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NVS-215SM
14V-587

Subject: Transmission Interlock/FMVSS 403

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
NABI/416/2008-2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 22, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-587

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE
POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,338

Problem Description:

NABI Bus, LLC (NABI) is recalling certain model year 2012 31LFW transit buses manufactured April 28, 2012, to December 16, 2012, and 2008-2013 416 transit buses manufactured October 30, 2008, to February 15, 2014. The affected vehicles may not be equipped with a transmission interlock that prevents the wheelchair lift or ramp from being moved from the stowed position unless the transmission is in neutral. As such, the buses fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles."

Consequence:

If the wheelchair lift or ramp can be removed from the stowed position while the transmission is not in neutral, if the service brakes fail to hold the bus, the bus may move unexpectedly, increasing the risk of injury to the wheelchair lift or ramp user.

Remedy:

NABI will notify owners, and dealers will install a new electrical program that prevents the lift or ramp from being moved from the stowed position unless the transmission is in neutral, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2014. Owners may contact NABI customer service at 1-256-241-1298. NABI's number for this recall is 20146.

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.

We have received NABI'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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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