



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 16, 2014

Mr. Troy Snyder
Ameritrans Bus, Inc.
2503 Ada Drive
Elkhart, IN 46514

NVS-215KS
14V-786

Subject: Bracket for Suspension Fluid Tank may Fracture

Dear Mr. Snyder:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ameritrans 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:

AMERITRANS/F330/2013-2014
AMERITRANS/R330/2013

Mfr's Report Date: December 4, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-786

Components:

SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Problem Description:

Ameritrans Bus, Inc. (Ameritrans) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 F330 transit buses built on F550 chassis manufactured May 23, 2013, to March 19, 2014 and 2013 R330 transit buses built on Ram 5500 chassis manufactured September 1, 2014, to October 31, 2014. The affected vehicles are equipped with LiquidSpring-brand aftermarket suspension kits. The mounting bracket that attaches the suspension fluid tank to the frame may fail, allowing the fluid tank to separate from the vehicle.

Consequence:

If the suspension fluid tank mount fractures and the tank separates from the chassis, the tank may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Ameritrans will notify owners, and LiquidSpring will install a re-designed bracket, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during December 2014. Owners may contact Ameritrans customer service at 1-574-262-8935 or LiquidSpring at 1-765-474-7816.

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 Ameritrans' proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they are 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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