



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 30, 2014

Ms. Betsy Hershberger  
Warranty/Service  
ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC  
51165 Greenfield Parkway  
Middlebury, IN 46540

NVS-215KS  
14V-805

**Subject:** Electrical Connections may not be Weatherized

Dear Ms. Hershberger:

This letter serves to acknowledge ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, 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:**

ARBOC/SPIRIT OF FREEDOM/2015  
ARBOC/SPIRIT OF MOBILITY/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 19, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-805

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM  
EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 94

**Problem Description:**

ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC (ARBOC) is recalling certain model year 2015 Spirit of Mobility, and Spirit of Freedom transit buses manufactured July 1, 2014, to December 12, 2014. In the affected vehicles, the exterior electrical connections for the side marker lights may not be weatherized.

**Consequence:**

Exposed electrical connections may short, increasing the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

ARBOC will notify owners, and dealers will install heat shrink to weatherize the connections, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on January 9, 2015. Owners may contact ARBOC customer service at 1-866-953-5555. ARBOC's number for this recall is RC056301.

**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).

We have received ARBOC'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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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