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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Att: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
USA

Koningshooikt, June 3rd, 2014

### Noncompliance Information Report relating to Van Hool Motorcoaches Model TX equipped with a Type 2 seatbelt for driver

Dear Associate Administrator for Enforcement,

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Van Hool N.V. hereby notifies NHTSA of the intention to recall the Van Hool motorcoaches identified below.

- (1) Manufacturer: **Van Hool N.V.**  
Designated Agent: **ABC Bus Companies, Inc.**
- (2) (ii) Identification of the vehicles containing the defect: **The recalled vehicles are motorcoaches with a Type 2 seatbelt for driver of which the upper anchorage is on the B-pillar.**

Make: <b>Van Hool</b>
Model: <b>TX40</b>
Model Year(s): <b>2014;2015</b>
Inclusive dates of manufacture : <b>beginning Jan. 2014 – ending June 2014</b>
Body Style/type : <b>Motorcoach</b>
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles : buses <b>last 5 numbers of VIN : 41200-41206</b> <b>Number of passengers: 48</b>

Make: <b>Van Hool</b>
Model: <b>TX45</b>
Model Year(s): <b>2014;2015</b>
Inclusive dates of manufacture : <b>beginning Sep. 2013 – ending June 2014</b>
Body Style/type : <b>Motorcoach</b>
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles : buses <b>last 5 numbers of VIN : 41100-41169;41180;41182-41191;41193-41195;41261</b> <b>Number of passengers: 56</b>

- (3) Total number of vehicles affected: **90 of which 6 of model TX40 and 84 of model TX45.**

- (4) Percentage of vehicle affected: **100%**
- (5) Description of the noncompliance : **The driver seat belt assembly has not been properly secured to the B-pillar anchorage during vehicle assembly. If not properly secured, the anchorage, attachment hardware, and attachment bolt do not meet the strength requirement outlined in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages". A seat belt that is not properly secured to its anchorage could increase the risk of injury to an occupant in the event of a crash.**
- (6) Chronology of principal events: **On May 22, 2014 during the pre-delivery inspection at ABC Bus Companies, it was found that the driver seat belt assembly was not properly secured to the B-pillar anchorage; upon which ABC notified Van Hool by email. This prompted Van Hool to inspect other vehicles at the assembly plant and found another vehicle with an improperly secured upper anchorage. On June 2, 2014, Van Hool determined that those vehicles do not meet the strength requirement outlined in FMVSS No. 210. Van Hool is not aware of any reports from the field concerning the issue.**
- (8) (i) Remedy Program: **Our designated agent ABC Bus, Inc. will notify Van Hool motorcoach owners with this equipment by mail sent to their addresses and conduct the recall.**  
  
(ii) Remedy Schedule: **The owner notifications will be issued within 30 days.**
- (10) Representative copy of communications: **Copy of owner notification letter and service bulletin will be submitted for review before mailing.**
- (11) Manufacturer's assigned campaign number : **P726.**

Please confirm receipt of this notice and provide NHTSA's reference number. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Van Hool N.V.



Hugo De Roo  
Area Export Manager



Pascale Reyntjens  
Compliance and Regulations

*Cc. Transmitted by email to :*  
*ABC Bus Inc.: Anne Archambault (to be distributed as needed)*  
*Van Hool N.V.: As per distribution list*