

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for VehiclesPART 573 Defect and Noncompliance ReportDate: June 17th, 2014

This report serves as Lion Buses's notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a [insert as applicable: "defect related to motor vehicle safety" or "noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards"] exists in certain [identify the vehicles at issue]. [Manufacturer] decided that this [insert "defect" or "noncompliance," as applicable] existed in these vehicles on [insert date].

I. Manufacturer, Designated Agent, and Other Chain of Distribution Information

Manufacturer's corporate name:

Vehicle brand or trademark name owner(s) (where applicable):

Designated Agent (imported vehicles):

Lion Buses Inc. (Autobus Lion Inc.)

Lion 360 model

Camile Chartrand

If this notification concerns a defective or noncompliant component that the above identified manufacturer did not manufacture, identify that component and provide the name, address, and phone number of the manufacturer of the component (if this manufacturer is unknown, provide this information as to the supplier of the component):

Supplier is Indiana Mill & Manufacturing Inc. located at 18881 US 31 North, Westfield, IN 46074

Contact person: Lisa Hanson, Dir Quality at (317) 867-8451

Name, address, email, and phone and fax numbers for the person(s) to whom inquiries about this report should be directed:

Camile Chartrand (450) 432-5466 extension 201
Camile.chartrand@lionbuses.com

Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable): EQ 14-004, 13E-061

II. Identification of the Recall Population and Its Size

Complete the tables below for each group of vehicles subject to this notification. Additional tables may be necessary where there are more than three groups subject to a notification.

Make: Lion
Model: 360
Model Year(s): 2014
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): August, September and October 2013
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars): School bus
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):
Total number of these vehicles: 11 buses

Make:

Model:
Model Year(s):
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):

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Total number of these vehicles:

Make:

Model:

Model Year(s):

Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):

Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):

Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):

Total number of these vehicles:

Provide the following information as to all the groups of vehicles:

Grand total number of vehicles: 11

The percentage of the recall population you estimate actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 5 on 11

Describe how the recall population is different from any similar vehicles not subject to this notification:

Population of possible defective vehicles have been determined by buses built from the day the defective shipment of belts entered in the building up to the time we were out of stock before we received the following shipment.

III. Description of the Defect or Noncompliance and Chronology of Events

Describe the defect or noncompliance, including a summary and detailed description of the nature and physical location (if appropriate) of the defect or noncompliance. Graphic aids should be provided where necessary.

Material to find if the installed belts were defective or not have been supplied by Indiana Mills & Manufacturing Inc.

Description and photos show where to look at to find the defective buckles.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined (e.g., on what basis the recalled
Describe the safety consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition):

Identify any warning(s) that may precede the defect or noncompliance condition.

For defects, provide a dated, chronological summary of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination that the defect is related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information such as numbers of crashes, injuries and fatalities.

For noncompliances, identify the test results and other information considered in determining the existence of the noncompliance, and provide the date of each test and observation indicative of that noncompliance.

IV. The Remedy Program and Its Schedule

Describe the program for remedying the defect or noncompliance, including the plan for reimbursing those owners and purchasers who may have incurred costs to remedy the defect or noncompliance before receiving the manufacturer's notification concerning that defect or noncompliance. Also include, where applicable, details with dates concerning any production remedy that was conducted or will be conducted.

All owners have been contacted with documents supplied by the manufacturer (IMMI) to verify yhe buckles that were installed in there own bus to see if it is part of the defective lot

One of the owner respond immediatly that the buckles were part of the defective lot (serial numbers) and immediatly I forwarded to IMMI to take care of the owner.

The owner who respond had 5 of the 11 buses built during that period

Most of them respond that the buckles were correct and not part of the lot

One told me he will verify while the vehicle will come back for service but never got back to me; I am asking him again

Provide the estimated date(s) on which owner and purchaser notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

It should be over within the next month because I will do it again

Provide the estimated date(s) on which dealer and distributor notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

******* IMPORTANT REMINDERS *******

A DRAFT version of the letter that the manufacturer intends to mail to owners and purchasers notifying them of the defect and/or noncompliance must be submitted to NHTSA at least five Federal Government business days before those letters are issued. In addition, it is recommended that the draft version of the letter that the manufacturer intends to send to its dealers and distributors concerning the defect and/or noncompliance also be submitted for review. For prompt receipt and review, drafts may be submitted to the attention of the Recall Management Division (NVS-215) via facsimile on (202) 366-7882, or email to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

A representative copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser, must be submitted to NHTSA no later than five days after they are initially sent. This requirement applies both to the final version of the notification letter that is sent to owners and purchasers, as well as the final version that is sent to dealers and distributors. It also includes any follow-up notifications issued concerning a recall. The representative copies of the letters sent to owners and purchasers, and dealers and distributors, must be submitted via certified mail. It is strongly recommended, however, that additional representative copies be submitted via facsimile on (202) 366-7882, or email to RMD.ODI@dot.gov, so that the submission can be more promptly reviewed. All submissions should be conspicuously labeled with the appropriate NHTSA-assigned recall number.

