



April 23rd, 2014

“IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE”
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
RECALL NO: 14V-180

Trans Tech Bus, TCI Recall #: 14V-180

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act No. 577.5, *“Notification Pursuant to a Manufacturer’s Decision”*.

Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided that certain model year 2011-2014 Trans Tech Bus School Buses manufactured January 10,2011 through March 10, 2014, and equipped with C.E. White 39” seas with or without 3-point seat belts fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) number 207, *“Seating Systems”* and number 210, *“Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages”*.

What the safety concern is:

The installation of the 39” seat leg was defined at an inadequate position along the interior of the floor.

Specifically, the Assembly/Production plant installed leg locations for the 39” Quasi-Static and 39” Standard Base seats at improper dimensions. The dimension that was used for this seating position was 23.375” when the dimension to be held was 28.375”. This dimension describes the length between the main mounting leg for the seat and the corresponding mount for the wall track mount.

There is no visual or audible warning which would precede this condition. All seat models indicated in this notice are presumed to contain the non-compliance and must be repaired in accordance with the enclosed Service Repair Procedure, SRP 14VSB for seats with type-1 lap belts, and SRP 14VQS for seats with type-2 lap and shoulder belts.

The Remedy:

Transportation Collaborative Inc will forward the information to the affected vehicles owners and dealers that sold the vehicles. Transportation Collaborative has also designed and tested a solution to ensure that remedy of this recall is quick and will not allow your vehicle to be out of service for long.



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For 3 Point seats, conventionally known as 39QS11 seats, the method of repair to ensure that vehicles will remain in service is the addition of a second bolt through the floor leg. This leg will unfortunately remove the adjustability of the seat. Installation of this leg will be at the 28.375" dimension as originally specified by testing data. For additional information and reference geometry, you can view the associated documents.

For standard base seats, conventionally known as 39SB11 seats, the method of repair to ensure that your vehicle will remain in service is the additional installation of a frame reinforcing strap this "tether strap" can be viewed in the associated documents.

What we are requesting you do:

Upon receipt of this Recall Notice and Inspection Procedure, Transportation Collaborative is requesting that you inspect your vehicle leg position to determine if the recall is applicable by following the instructions on the repair & parts form. If applicable, complete the "Recall Response Card", sign the card and return it to Transportation Collaborative to the address as noted on the card. Upon receipt of this information, Transportation Collaborative will immediately ship repair kits containing all parts and a copy of Service Repair Procedure SRP 14VSB or 14VQS, to you the Customer/Owner. Upon receipt of the repair kit you may contact customer service and we will direct you to an authorized service facility to affect repairs, at no cost to you.

Based on our review of internal shipping records, Transportation Collaborative has determined that seat(s) as indicated on the enclosed "Appendix – A", were shipped to you on the dates indicated thereon.

Address or ownership change:

If you no longer own the subject seat('s) or the vehicle('s) in which the seat('s) were installed, please complete the appropriate section on the enclosed "Recall Response Card", sign the card and return it to Transportation Collaborative to the address as noted on the card.

If these repairs have already been made:

If the remedy directed by this notification was provided for you prior to receipt of this Recall Notice, please complete the appropriate section of the Recall Response Card, sign and return the card to Transportation Collaborative, to the address as noted on the card. If you have incurred expense in obtaining the parts required and/or the service required to implement the remedy directed by this Recall Notification, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for that cost.





Include a copy of the invoice, along with the Recall Response Card for reimbursement consideration.

If you have any questions:

If after contacting Transportation Collaborative, or Trans Tech Bus, you have not received the Service Repair Procedure and parts required to implement the remedy, in a reasonable period of time, you may contact:

ADMINISTRATOR
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
1200 NEW JERSEY AVENUE, SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20590
1-888-327-4236
TTY: 1-800-424-9153
or go to: <http://www.safercar.gov>

If you have any questions about this recall please call Trans Tech Bus, a Transportation Collaborative company at 1.845.988.2333

Sincerely,

Customer Service



