



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Tim LaFon
Nova Bus
1000 Industriel Blvd.
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NVS-215KS
15V-071

Subject: Rear Axle Half Shaft may Fail

Dear Mr. LaFon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nova Bus'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:

NOVA BUS/NOVA LFS/2009-2010

Mfr's Report Date: February 4, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-071

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY:AXLE SHAFT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 30

Problem Description:

Nova Bus (Nova) is recalling certain model year 2009-2010 LFS transit buses manufactured January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2010 with ZFAV132 rear axles. The affected vehicles may have been produced with rear axle half shafts that received an inadequate surface treatment which may result in axle shaft failure.

Consequence:

If the axle half shaft fails, the bus would be disabled, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Nova has notified the affected owners, and all affected buses have been repaired, free of charge. Owners may contact Nova customer service at 1-450-472-6410. Nova's number for this recall is BS1555.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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. If all vehicles have been remedied, please submit one report stating a one hundred percent recall completion rate.

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 the first name being more prominent.

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