



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

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NVS-215SM
15V-129

Subject: Tie Rod Nuts may be Incorrectly Torqued

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter serves to acknowledge NABI Bus, 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:

NABI/40LFW/2014

Mfr's Report Date: March 3, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-129

Components:

STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 63

Problem Description:

NABI Bus, LLC (NABI) is recalling certain model year 2014 40LFW city transit buses manufactured September 12, 2014, to December 31, 2014. The affected buses have front axles whose tie rod nuts may be improperly torqued.

Consequence:

If the tie rod nuts are not properly torqued, the tie rod may not be adequately secured, resulting in a loss of vehicle control and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

NABI will notify owners, and dealers will be retorque the tie rod nuts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on March 23, 2015. Owners may contact NABI customer service at 1-256-241-1298. NABI's number for this recall is 20151.

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.

We have received NABI'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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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