



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

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NVS-215KS
16V-022

Subject: Missing J-Bracket Welds on Bus Operator Seat

Dear Mr. Nicolle:

This letter serves to acknowledge Setra of North America'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:

SETRA/S407 CC/2012
SETRA/S417 TC/2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: January 18, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-022

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 91

Problem Description:

Setra of North America (Setra) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 S417TC buses manufactured August 2, 2010, to October 3, 2011, and 2012 Setra S407CC buses manufactured August 2, 2010, to July 4, 2011, and equipped with certain Recaro Ergo-M Commercial Bus Driver Seats. The affected seats have J-Brackets that may be missing welds which could allow the seat belt anchorage assembly to separate from the J-Bracket.

Consequence:

If the seatbelt anchorage assembly separates from the J-Bracket, the bus driver may not be properly restrained in the event of a crash increasing their risk of injury.

Remedy:

Setra will notify owners, and the seats will be inspected to determine if any welds are missing. Any J-Bracket that is missing welds will be removed and replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 1, 2016. Owners may contact Setra customer service at 1-800-241-2947 or Recaro customer service at 1-248-484-3203. Setra's number for this recall is 91.10U10086A.

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 Setra'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 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 a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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