



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

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Mr. Rick Van Laar
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NVS-215KS
16V-091

Subject: Hood may Open Unexpectedly While Braking

Dear Mr. Van Laar:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, Inc.'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:

IC BUS/CE/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: February 17, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-091

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:HOOD:HINGE AND ATTACHMENTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8,574

Problem Description:

Navistar, Inc. is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 IC CE school buses manufactured from March 2, 2015, through January 13, 2016. In the affected vehicles, the hood straps used to latch the hood closed may become elongated and not return to their original length. As a result, the hood may open unexpectedly when the bus is braking.

Consequence:

If the hood opens while braking, the driver's vision may be obstructed, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Navistar will notify owners, and dealers will replace the hood straps, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on April 17, 2016. Owners may contact Navistar customer service at 1-800-448-7825. Navistar's number for this recall is 16502.

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:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement