



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

June 10, 2016

Mr. Greg Larsen  
Eldorado National-Kansas  
1655 Wall Street  
Salina, KS 67401

NEF-150MR  
16V-309

**Subject:** Seat May Separate From the Base Frame/FMVSS 222

Dear Mr. Larsen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Eldorado National-Kansas'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:**

ELDORADO/ADVANTAGE/2016  
ELDORADO/AEROTECH/2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 10, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-309

**Components:**

SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2

**Problem Description:**

Eldorado National-Kansas (Eldorado) is recalling certain model year 2016 Advantage and Aerotech transit buses manufactured January 15, 2016, to January 29, 2016 and built on a Ford chassis. These vehicles are equipped with seats that may separate from the base frame due to bolt failure. As such, these seats fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety System (FMVSS) number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

**Consequence:**

In the event of a crash, the seat can separate from the base frame, increasing the risk of injury to the seat occupant.

**Remedy:**

Eldorado has notified owners, and dealers will replace the seats, free of charge. The recall began June 6, 2016. Owners may contact Freedman Seating Company at 1-773-524-2440 or Eldorado customer service at 1-800-955-9086.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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