



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Ginger Markus  
Warranty Coordinator  
Collins Bus Corporation  
415 West 6th Street  
South Hutchinson, KS 67505

NEF-150KS  
16V-310

**Subject:** Seat May Separate From the Base Frame

Dear Ms. Markus:

This letter serves to acknowledge Collins Bus Corporation'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:**

COLLINS/DE516/2016  
COLLINS/DH416/2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 11, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-310

**Components:**

SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 4

**Problem Description:**

Collins Bus Corporation (Collins) is recalling certain 2016 DH416 school buses manufactured February 18, 2016, to February 19, 2016 built on Ford chassis, and 2016 DE516 school buses manufactured January 18, 2016, to February 19, 2016 built on Chevrolet 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:**

Collins will notify owners, and the manufacturer of the seats will replace the seats free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2016. Owners may contact Collins customer service at 1-800-533-1850. Collins' number for this recall is 16E037.

**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:

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).

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@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 the first name being the most prominent.

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