



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Rick Van Laar  
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Navistar, Inc.  
2601 Navistar Drive  
Lisle, IL 60532

NEF-150KS  
16V-454

**Subject:** Emergency Exit Missing Reflective Tape/FMVSS 217

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  
IC BUS/RE/2016-2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 20, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-454

**Components:**

STRUCTURE:BODY:DOOR/WINDOW:EMERGENCY EXIT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,787

**Problem Description:**

Navistar, Inc. (Navistar) is recalling certain 2016-2017 IC Bus CE school buses manufactured June 15, 2015, to May 20, 2016, and RE school buses manufactured June 18, 2015, to April 27, 2016. These buses may have been manufactured without reflective outline tape around the emergency exit roof hatches. As a result, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements for Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 217, "Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention and Release."

**Consequence:**

Absence of the reflective outline tape may reduce conspicuity of the emergency exit roof hatches, reducing the ability of emergency personnel to identify and gain access to the emergency roof hatches, possibly increasing the passenger's risk of personal injury or death during an emergency.

**Remedy:**

Navistar will notify owners, and dealers will install reflective tape around the roof hatch, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 20, 2016. Owners may contact Navistar customer service at 1-800-448-7825. Navistar's number for this recall is 16505.

**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.

We have received Navistar'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](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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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