



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 26, 2016

Mr. Jon Savitz
Vice President
Ameritrans Bus, Inc.
2503 Ada Drive
Elkhart, IN 46514

NEF-150KS
16V-497

Subject: Unnecessary Tire and Loading Placards/FMVSS 110

Dear Mr. Savitz:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ameritrans Bus, 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:

AMERITRANS/5500/2012-2016
AMERITRANS/E350/2012-2016
AMERITRANS/E450/2012-2016
AMERITRANS/F550/2012-2015
AMERITRANS/M2 SERIES/2012-2016

Mfr's Report Date: June 28, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-497

Components:

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 803

Problem Description:

Ameritrans Bus, Inc. (Ameritrans) is recalling certain model year 2012-2016 shuttle buses manufactured August 1, 2012, to June 24, 2016, built on Ford E-350, E-450, and F-550 chassis, Dodge 5500 chassis, and Freightliner M2 chassis. These vehicles may be equipped with Tire and Loading Placards that are not applicable to vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 110, "Tire Selection and Rims."

Consequence:

Use of the label on these vehicles may confuse the operator and may result in overloading the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Ameritrans will notify owners, and dealers will remove the Tire and Loading Placards, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 19, 2016. Owners may contact Ameritrans Customer Service Department at 1-574-218-4786.

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.

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 Ameritrans' 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,



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