



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

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Mr. Gregory Vismara
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NEF-150KS
16V-931

Subject: Gas Detection System Malfunction

Dear Mr. Vismara:

This letter serves to acknowledge Gillig LLC'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:

GILLIG/LOW FLOOR/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: December 20, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-931

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 451

Problem Description:

Gillig LLC (Gillig) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Low Floor compressed natural gas (CNG) transit buses manufactured September 1, 2015, to December 5, 2016, equipped with Amerex SafetyNet fire suppression system panel/controller units. These buses have gas detection electronics that may be disabled without providing the operator with a warning of a system malfunction. Affected display panel/controller units were also provided as replacement parts for warranty claims, part numbers 16389, 24109, 24918, 24926 and 24927.

Consequence:

If not corrected, the fire suppression systems on certain CNG-powered buses may fail to indicate the presence of a natural gas (methane) leak. In such cases, the driver will not receive a fault code indicating that the Gas Detection electronics have been disabled. This may increase the risk of asphyxiation, fire, or explosion.

Remedy:

Gillig will notify owners, and Amerex representatives will replace the Operator Display Panel/Controllers, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during January 2017. Owners may contact Gillig customer service at 1-800-735-1500.

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.

We have received Gillig's proposed owner notification letters and they are 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).

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement