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NHTSA Campaign 16V-328

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle with **VIN 1FDXE4FSODDA30173**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Absolute Bus  
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Lumberton, NC 28360

Subject: SAFETY RECALL  
Defect: Fully Loaded Vehicle May Exceed Vehicle Weight Limits  
Affected units: 1FDXE4FSODDA30173

Ameritrans Bus, Inc. has decided certain model year 2012-2016 Ford E450 285 vehicles manufactured from August 1, 2012, through May 13, 2016, fail to comply to the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) requirements of 49 CFR Part 567. "Certification." Due to weight variation from the chassis' manufacturer, under certain conditions, such as buses having full numbers of passengers, full fuel tank, and full stated cargo capacities, these buses could be over the stated Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR).

The buses could possibly weigh in excess of gross vehicle rating when fully loaded resulting in a crash.

Please contact your Ameritrans Bus Inc. dealer to schedule an appointment to have the recall performed.

If you are unsuccessful at contacting your dealer please contact:

Ameritrans Bus, Inc.,  
3601 C.R. 6  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
574-218-4786



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**Units with rear cargo compartments:**

This procedure will require the removal of the center rear seat, respacing of existing seats as per attached work instructions, the installation of a Cargo Capacity Placard in the luggage compartment, and remove the Tire and Loading Decal on the driver's door.

**Units without rear cargo compartments:**

This procedure will require the removal of the 2 rear passenger seats on the driver's side, respacing of existing seats as per attached work instructions, and remove the Tire and Loading Decal on the driver's door.

For arrangements, additional information, or if you do not operate any of the above coaches, please contact us at:

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If you believe that Ameritrans Bus, Inc. have failed to remedy the defect without charge, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of the pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall.

If any additional information is needed, please feel free to contact Ameritrans Bus, Inc. at 574-218-4786.

Ameritrans bus, Inc. apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, however this action is taken in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our vehicles.