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NHTSA Campaign 16V-328

Subject: **NHTSA Recall Campaign 16V328 - Reminder**
Defect: Fully Loaded Vehicle May Exceed Vehicle Weight Limits
Affected units: 1FDXE4

In July 2016, Ameritrans Bus, Inc. sent out NHTSA Recall Campaign 16V328 regarding Driver side seat removal and seat adjustment that relates to motor vehicle safety. Ameritrans Bus, Inc. records indicate that you have not confirmed whether the procedures have been performed to complete the above mentioned safety recall.

As mentioned in the July 2016 mailing, Ameritrans Bus, Inc. determined that certain model year 2012-2016 Ford E450 285 vehicles manufactured from August 1, 2012, through May 13, 2016, failed to comply with 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.

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.

This campaign applies to your vehicle(s) with the VIN(s) listed below.



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Affected VIN Numbers:

1FDXE4

Please reference the enclosed work instructions for full details and instructions. It is very important that the inspection and completion of the addressed request is expedited immediately.

Please fill out the attached Owner's Certification Letter (**OCL**). Send the completed OCL to our Warranty Department at: warranty@abc-companies.com or mail to:

Ameritrans Bus, Inc. c/o ABC Bus, Inc.
17469 West Colonial Drive
Winter Garden, FL 34787

If you should require any additional information, please feel free to contact us at 877-427-7278, select option 5 for Warranty.

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 877-427-7278, select option 5 for Warranty.

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.