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NHTSA Campaign 16V-497

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle with **VIN [see attached list]**

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

Avalon Transportation  
1000 CORPORATE POINTE SUITE 150  
Culver City, CA 90230

**Subject:** SAFETY RECALL  
**Defect:** The Tire and Loading Information labels affixed to the vehicles are not applicable for vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds

Ameritrans Bus, Inc. has decided that all model years 2012-2016 Ford E350, Ford E450 (except select Ameritrans 285 models), Ford F550, Dodge Ram 5500 and Freightliner M2 buses built from August 1, 2012, through May 13, 2016, fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 110, "Tire Selection and Rims." These vehicles do not need the tire and loading information label according to FMVSS 110 regulations. The information on the label could cause confusion to the operators on passenger and load allowances as it is not required by regulations, increasing the risk of a crash.

To avoid any possible confusion the label will be removed.

Please contact your Ameritrans Bus Inc. dealer to schedule an appointment to have the recall performed or if you perform the recall yourself please complete the enclosed certification, sign and return to Ameritrans Bus, Inc. via facsimile to 407-905-7020 or by email to [warranty@ameritransbus.com](mailto:warranty@ameritransbus.com).

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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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.



## List of affected VINs

**ABC Number**   **VinNumber**

**End User Name**

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**Ameritrans Bus Inc.**

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**Please read all instructions before performing any work for this recall**

**1.0 Required PPE (Personal Protection Equipment):**

Safety Glasses
Gloves

**2.0 Approximate time to complete process (Assume Parts and Personnel are readily available):**

Time: 2 Minutes

**3.0 Process Steps (Next Page)**

This process has been documented on for ALL Bus Models.

Step	Visual	Description
1		<p><b>✂</b> To remove “TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION” label:</p> <p><b>🔦</b> Locate “TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION” label in drive side door area. Some models will have the label located on the door and others on the door jam.</p>
2		<p><b>✂</b> Starting in one of the upper corner of the label, use your thumbnail to begin pulling the label off.</p>

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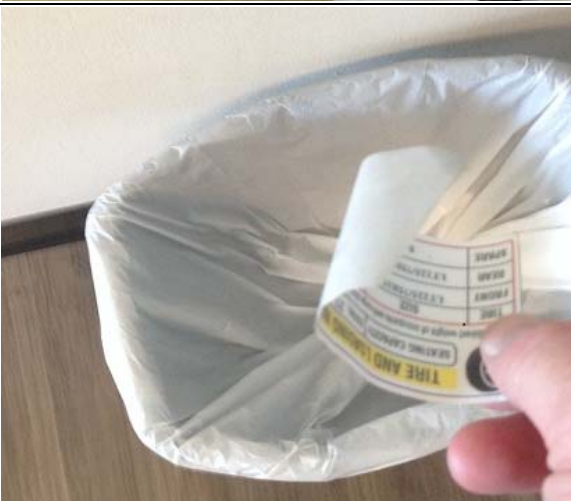
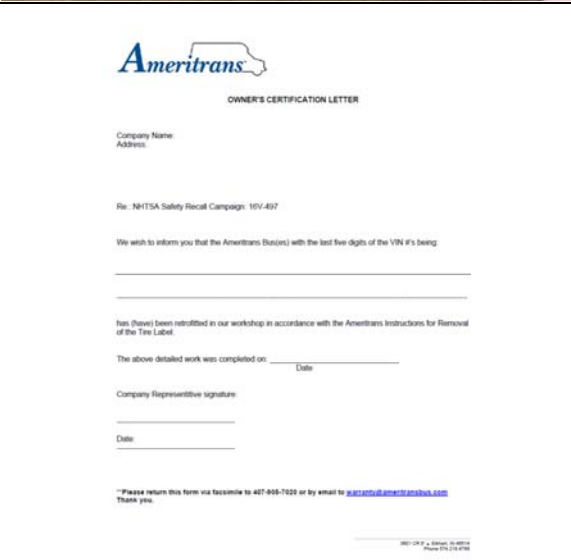
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3		<p>✘ Once the label is pulled off far enough then take a tight hold of the edge of the label. Start pulling the label in the direction of the part of the label that is still attached to the surface.</p>
4		<p>✘ Discard label.</p>
5		<p>✘ Once the work has been completed, please date and sign the Owner's Certification Letter included in the mailing.</p> <p><b>Please return the Owner's Certification Letter via facsimile to (407) 905-7020 or via email to <a href="mailto:warranty@ameritransbus.com">warranty@ameritransbus.com</a></b></p>

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For further assistance, please contact:  
Ameritrans Bus Inc.

Address: 3601 C.R. 6  
Elkhart, IN. 46514

Phone: (574) 218-4786



**OWNER'S CERTIFICATION LETTER**

Company Name:  
Address:

Avalon Transportation  
1000 CORPORATE POINTE SUITE 150  
Culver City, CA 90230

Re.: NHTSA Safety Recall Campaign: 16V-497

We wish to inform you that the Ameritrans Bus(es) with the last five digits of the VIN #'s being:

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has (have) been retrofitted in our workshop in accordance with the Ameritrans Instructions for Removal of the Tire and Loading Information Label.

The above detailed work was completed on: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Company Representative signature:

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Date:  
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