

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15E-088****Manufacturer Name :** Johnson Controls, Inc.**Submission Date :** OCT 26,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15E-088**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Johnson Controls, Inc.

Address : 5757 N. Green Bay Avenue

Milwaukee WI 53209

Company phone : 5242397

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 17,280

Estimated percentage with defect : 1

**Equipment Information :**

Brand / Trade : Recaro Automotive Seating

Model : Ergo-M Commercial Bus Driver's Seat

Part No. : AM 80 – Ergo M

Size : NR

Function : NR

Descriptive Information : Part No. 40854107 – J-Bracket upper right

Part No. 50854107 – J-Bracket upper left

Production Dates : APR 05, 2010 - OCT 14, 2015

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Certain “J-Brackets” in the ERGO-M commercial bus operator's seats may be missing welds. As a result, the seatbelt anchorage assembly may separate from the J-Bracket and the bus driver may not be properly restrained in the event of a crash. There have not been reports of accidents or injuries concerning this issue.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the J-Bracket is missing welds it may separate from the seatbelt anchorage assembly and increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Mercury Metal Forming

Address : 29440 Calahan Road

Roseville MICHIGAN 48066

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

In April 2010, Johnson Controls Inc. (JCI) received its first shipment of J-Brackets from a new supplier, Mercury Metal Forming.

During certification testing for a design change in the J-Coach floor conducted by Motor Coach Industries on October 14, 2015, the J-Bracket assembly in an ERGO-M commercial bus operator's seat did not hold the requisite load when tested. Upon inspection, it was observed that the seat belt buckle bracket had separated from the J-Bracket assembly and that the underside of the J-Bracket was missing welds and contained three welds instead of five.

On October 15, 2015, JCI inspected components in inventory at the Recaro warehouse and found that an additional six units were missing two welds and that one completed seat was missing two welds.

From October 16 - 23, 2015, JCI investigated the matter. The internal investigation found that Mercury Metal Forming had deviated from the welding control plan without JCI's approval.

As part of its investigation, JCI also tested the overall weld quality and found that J-Brackets with all five welds exceeded FMVSS testing standards.

On October 26, 2015, JCI decided to conduct a safety recall.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Johnson Controls will provide the recall remedy. The remedy will consist of an inspection to determine if the appropriate numbers of welds are present on the J-Bracket. If all five welds are present, no further action is necessary. If the appropriate numbers of welds are not present, the J-Bracket will be removed and replaced.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy equipment will consist of a J-Bracket with the correct number of welds (five) present.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

**Purchaser Information :**

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

\* NR - Not Reported