



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

October 31, 2017

Mr. Jose Vazquez
Transportation Collaborative, Inc.
7 Lake Station Road
Warwick, NY 10990

NEF-150KS
17V-624

Subject: Seat Belt Mounting Studs have Inadequate Padding

Dear Mr. Vazquez:

This letter serves to acknowledge Transportation Collaborative, Inc.'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:

TRANS TECH BUS/SST FLR/2015-2016
TRANS TECH BUS/ST AERO/2015-2016
TRANS TECH BUS/STUDENT SAFETY TRANSPORT/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: October 30, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-624

Components:
SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 21

Problem Description:

Transportation Collaborative, Inc. (Transtech) is recalling certain 2015-2016 Transtech SST, ST Aero, and SST FLR school buses built on Chevrolet chassis and equipped with certain CE White-brand QS11 Series convertible school bus seats. These seats were manufactured with integral D-Ring mounting studs that may have inadequate padding between the occupant and the D-ring mounting stud.

Consequence:

In the event of a rear end collision, the seat occupant's head may contact the D-ring mounting stud, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Transtech will notify owners, and dealers will add the proper padding, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during November 2017. Owners may contact Transtech customer service at 1-845-988-0419. Transtech's number for this recall is 17e045.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement