



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

November 28, 2017

Mr. James Anderson
President
Van-Con, Inc.
123 William Street
Middlesex, NJ 08846

NEF-150KS
17V-694

Subject: Seat Barrier May Not Absorb Impact/FMVSS 222

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Van-Con, 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:

VAN-CON/DUAL REAR WHEEL/2007-2017

Mfr's Report Date: November 2, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-694

Components:

SEATS:BARRIERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 320

Problem Description:

Van-Con, Inc. (Van-Con) is recalling certain 2007-2017 Dual Rear Wheel school buses built on Chevrolet 3500 Express chassis. The seat barrier behind the driver seat may be pinned to the bulkhead preventing it from deforming in the event of an impact. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

If the barrier is too rigid to absorb an impact, the occupants will have an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

Van-Con will notify owners and will reposition the barrier as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 29, 2017. Owners may contact Van-Con customer service at 1-732-356-8484.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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,



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