

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-519

Manufacturer Name : Gillig LLC**Submission Date :** SEP 08, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-519**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Gillig LLC

Address : 25800 Clawiter

Hayward CA 94545

Company phone : 1-800-735-1500

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 3,432

Estimated percentage with defect : 95 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2017 Gillig Low Floor

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Per Adient plc Equipment Recall 17E-035: Certain Recaro Commercial Bus Driver Seats and Seat Belt Service Kits manufactured between December 2016 and June 2017 installed as original equipment in Gillig Low Floor buses, sold as aftermarket parts, or distributed under warranty. The safety defect only exists in a specific buckle design manufactured during the specified date range. Other seats/seat belts from this supplier that do not use this buckle design do not have the defect.

Production Dates : DEC 05, 2016 - AUG 22, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 15GGD2716G1187352 End : 15GGD2712H3189315 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Per Adient plc Equipment Recall 17E-035: Certain Recaro Commercial Bus Driver Seats and Seat Belt Service Kits manufactured between December 2016 and June 2017 may experience a "pre-locked buckle" condition where an internal mechanism in the seat belt buckle becomes stuck in the locked position. This condition blocks the seat belt Latch-Plate (tongue) from being inserted into the buckle, preventing the operator from physically latching the seat belt. The affected seats and seat belt assemblies were installed as original equipment in Gillig Low Floor buses, sold as aftermarket parts, or distributed under warranty.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the seat belt is unable to latch, this may lead some drivers to operate the vehicle without the seat belt secured, increasing the risk of injury in the event

of a crash.

Description of the Cause : When the Latch-Plate (tongue) is over-traveled, the seat belt latch ejector can get trapped under the micro switch adapter causing a 'pre-locked' condition.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The seat belt Latch-Plate (tongue) is blocked, preventing the operator from physically securing the seat belt in the latched condition.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Adient plc
Address : 833 East Michigan St
Ste. 1100 Milwaukee WISCONSIN 53209
Country : United States

Chronology :

06/23/2017 Date of first customer complaint of a "pre-locked buckle" in a Recaro seat belt.

07/17/2017 Recaro Automotive Seating (Adient plc) replaces all seat belt stock in Gillig vehicle production with a new design (the current recall remedy component).

07/28/2017 Gillig notifies Adient plc of a high failure rate in driver seat belts buckles in recently built buses. Gillig issues a precautionary stop-sale and containment order for certain Recaro seats sold or distributed under warranty through its Parts Sales department.

08/16/2017 Gillig receives OEM Customer safety recall notification letter from Adient plc for Recall 17E035.

08/17/2017 Gillig determines that affected vehicles and parts subject to Recall 17E035 have a defect related to motor vehicle safety.

08/23/2017 Gillig files a Part 573 report.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The defective seat belt assembly will be replaced at no cost to the owner with a remedy component that has a revised buckle housing.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The recalled components are certain Recaro brand Ergo R, Ergo D, AM71, AM72, AM80 Commercial Bus Driver Seats (see attachment for Gillig part numbers). The remedy component contains a new buckle design that has raised lip and longer cover that will limit the distance the latch plate tongue can travel within the buckle assembly, preventing the "pre-locked" condition.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : No seats from the recalled seat population were used in vehicle production before 12/05/2016 or after 08/16/2017. No sales of aftermarket parts or warranty parts from the recalled population were shipped to customers before 12/20/2016 or after 08/22/2017.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Recall notices will be sent as soon as NHTSA approves the draft letter.
Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 22, 2017 - OCT 06, 2017
Planned Owner Notification Date : SEP 22, 2017 - OCT 06, 2017

* NR - Not Reported