

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-582

Manufacturer Name : Double K Inc.**Submission Date :** SEP 20, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-582**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 17E035**Manufacturer Information :****Population :**

Manufacturer Name : Double K Inc.

Number of potentially involved : 16

Address : 701 North Railroad Avenue

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

Crandon WI 54520

Company phone : 715-478-5090

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2017 Hometown Trolley Villager, Mainstreet, Streetcar

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Manufacturer of Trackless Trolley Buses

Production Dates : DEC 01, 2016 - JUN 30, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The affected seatbelt buckles in certain Recaro Bus Driver Seats may have a "pre-locked buckle where the buckle locking mechanism is stuck in the locked or latched position. This prevents the buckle Latch-Plate tongue from being latched so that the vehicle operator is unable to to secure the seatbelt.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : 209 - Seat belt assemblies

Description of the Safety Risk : If the buckle locking mechanism is stuck in the locked or latched position it prevents the buckle Latch plate tongue from being latched so the vehicle operator is unable to secure the seat belt increasing the rest of injury in the event of a crash.

Description of the Cause : n/a

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Pre-locked condition

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Adient / Recaro
Address : 49200 Haylard Dr
Plymouth MICHIGAN 48170
Country : United States

Chronology :

Unknown by purchaser, Hometown Trolley. In a letter dated 8/15/2017, Ricon corporation notified Hometown Trolley that their parent company Advent decided that a defect exists in the seat belt buckles installed in certain Recaro Commercial Bus Driver Seats manufactured between December 2016 and June 2017.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : After the affected units in the fleet are identified and inspected, the owners of the affected trolleys will need to contact Recaro/Adient and a replacement of the seat belt buckle must be performed. Adient will replace, free of charge, the seat belt buckle housing with a revised design that will prevent the "pre-locked" condition. Adient will provide remedy parts for the customer to install or Recaro personnel will replace the buckle assembly if necessary.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : No distinguishing factors other than the buckle is pre-locked

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

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Once approved, all 7 vendors who were identified as having seats from this time period will be notified through mail.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 27, 2017 - OCT 18, 2017

Planned Owner Notification Date : SEP 27, 2017 - OCT 18, 2017

* NR - Not Reported