

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-666

Manufacturer Name : Van-Con, Inc.**Submission Date :** NOV 14, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-666**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Van-Con, Inc.

Address : 123 William Street

Middlesex NJ 08846

Company phone : 356-8484

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 266

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2011-2017 Chevy / Van-Con body 3500/33803 DRW

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : The recall was determined by the change in specification that took place in October of 2011 determining the length and limit of the buckle end of any seat belt. The recall differs in the GVW of the bus in that 10,000 lbs. and under require 3 pt belts that were supplied with the seat from the seat manufacturer and is in compliance with the regulations. Buses that were under 10,000 lb GVW are not included in the recall.

Production Dates : NOV 21, 2011 - SEP 01, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : The seat belt buckle latch plate assembly exceeds the limit plane established in s5.1.7

FMVSS 1 : 222 - School bus passenger seating and crash protection

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The seat belt latch plate assembly when buckled, is located at some point across the seated passenger verses being located to the side of a seated passenger.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Seatbelt Solutions
Address : 15835 Corporate Rd
N. Jupiter FLORIDA 33478
Country : United States

Chronology :

On October 21 2011 specification changed to require that buckle end of seat belt not pass through certain plain
On September 7 2017 Karco preformed test on buckle/latch plate assembly and determined that the buckle failed the limit length
on the test.
After reviewing the specifications and talking with seat belt supplier and seat manufacturer we determined that the belt buckle was noncompliance and on October 16 2017 filed the Part 573 Recall Report.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	replace the buckle end of seat belt with a shorter length buckle end that will meet the limit requirements. Van-Con will remove and replace seat belt buckles on seats at the factory. Van-Con will supply seat belt buckle to customers to remove and replace. Which ever is more convenient for the customer
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	The remedy component will be 10" shorter than the component that is currently installed. Lap belt
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	From this point going forward all of our seats will be purchased and shipped into us with seat belts attached from the seat manufacturer. The seat belt buckle will be the proper length and will meet the requirements certified by the seat manufacturer under FMVSS 222 and other FMVSS requirements pertaining to seats and seat belt specifications. If a seat belt is to be installed by Van-Con, Inc. the webbing on the buckle will be shortened to assure that the seat belt buckle latch plate assembly does not exceed the limit plan.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Recall schedule;
Dealer notification is not applicable all vehicles sold direct through Van-Con, Inc. as manufacturer and dealer.
Owner letter will be sent out 12/19/17

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 14, 2017 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 19, 2017 - NR

* NR - Not Reported