

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

[08/15/2017]

Re: NHTSA Recall: (17E035)

Dear OEM Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Adient has 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. The affected seat belts may have a “pre-locked buckle,” where the buckle locking mechanism is stuck in the locked or latched position. This condition prevents the buckle Latch- Plate (tongue) from being latched so that the vehicle operator is unable to secure the seat belt, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Adient is conducting a safety recall to address this issue. 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 you to install. At your option, Adient will provide remedy parts for you to install or, Recaro personnel are available to perform the repair. Adient estimates that it will take approximately 30 minutes to replace the buckle assembly and additional time for seat removal and reinstallation, if necessary. Depending upon the seat configuration Adient estimates the entire process could take up to 2 hours.

If you have already performed repairs to your Recaro Commercial Bus Driver Seat associated with the issue described above, you may be entitled to reimbursement for the costs associated with those repairs. Please contact Recaro for more information.

Please be advised that if the affected units were installed as original equipment on any vehicle you manufactured, you may have an obligation to notify the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and conduct a safety recall. If any of the affected units are still in your inventory, the product must be remedied prior to delivery to a customer.

If after contacting Adient, you are not satisfied we have done our best to remedy this condition without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write to the following:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

You may also call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1.888.327.4236 (TTY 1.800.424.9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Campaign ID Number for this recall is (17E035).

If you have questions about this matter and to request repairs and/or shipment of replacement parts, please contact Diana Gutierrez at +1 248 484 3250 or email to: aftermarket@recaro-automotive.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Kreycik', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Emil Kreycik

Director

RECARO North America