



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Ken Schwertner
SynTec Seating Solutions, LLC
200 Swathmore Ave.
High Point, NC 27263

NEF-150MR
18E-060

Subject: Seat Mounting Foot May Detach from Floor/FMVSS 210

Dear Mr. Schwertner:

This letter serves to acknowledge SynTec Seating Solutions, LLC'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:

SYNTEC/S3B RESTRAINT SEATS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 24, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-060

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 235

Problem Description:

SynTec Seating Solutions, LLC (SynTec) is recalling certain S3B 45" Restraint School Bus Seats. The seat's foot may pull through the bolted joint at the bus floor. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

If the seat mounting foot detaches from the floor, it can increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

SynTec has notified the bus manufacturer that purchased the seats, and dealers for those manufacturers will install a washer between the rear mounting foot and the bus floor, free of charge. The recall is expected to began August 7, 2018. Owners may contact SynTec customer service at 1-336-862-7509. SynTec's number for this recall is RES101.

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.

According to the information in the Dealer Notification letter that you submitted to us, the population should be 235 seats, not 37 vehicles as your submitted in your 573 report. Please amend your filing.

While amending your 573 to correct the population as mentioned above, please fill in the purchaser information section to list Thomas Built Buses.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on August 7, 2018, prior to our review of a draft owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for SynTec to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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