



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

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Ms. Camile Chartrand
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NEF-150MR
18V-648

Subject: Ceiling Joints may Separate/FMVSS 221

Dear Ms. Chartrand:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lion Electric Company'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:

LION/LION C/2016

Mfr's Report Date: September 20, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-648

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18

Problem Description:

Lion Electric Company (Lion) is recalling certain 2016 Lion Lion C electric school buses. In the event of a crash, the ceiling joints may separate due to being assembled incorrectly. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength."

Consequence:

If the ceiling joint separates in the event of a crash, it can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Lion will notify owners, and dealers will install rivets and glue to secure the joints, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2018. Owners may contact Lion customer service at 1-855-546-6706. Lion's number for this recall is 2018RECALL01.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:


You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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).

The information in your report suggests that Lion may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement