

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 18V-782

**Manufacturer Name :** National Van Builders, Inc.**Submission Date :** NOV 06, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-782**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : National Van Builders, Inc.

Address : 80 Pine Street

Attleboro MA 02703

Company phone : 800-527-7477

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 475

Estimated percentage with defect : 5 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2015-2018 Ford Transit

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Upon receipt of Recall Notification from Freedman Seating Company #18E-076, National Van Builders is conducting a recall for all Ford Transit vans that were manufactured with the subject recalled Freedman seats. Freedman informed that 514 of the subject seats were sold to National Van Builders during the time period indicated.

**Production Dates :** MAY 29, 2018 - OCT 31, 2018**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 1FTNE2CM6FKA73453 **End :** 1fye2cm6jkb55222 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

**Description of the Defect :** Pursuant to Safety Recall Notice of Freedman Seating Company #18E-076, the Freedman GO-ES 2 passenger foldaway seat may have been manufactured with a back frame weldment that is too narrow resulting in deformation of the seat back cushion dump mechanism which may cause it to malfunction.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : 207 - Seating systems

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If the seat back dump mechanism does malfunction, the seat back cushion may not support the appropriate loading in the event of a front or rear vehicle collision.

**Description of the Cause :** Improper manufacturing by Freedman Seating Company

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Freedman Seating Company  
Address : 4545 W. Augusta Blvd  
Chicago ILLINOIS 60651  
Country : United States

**Chronology :**

Receipt of Safety Recall Notice from Freedman Seating Company #18E-076, November 1, 2018.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : To correct this condition, Freedman Seating Company will facilitate the inspection and any necessary repairs. An Inspection & Service Procedure is attached that provides instruction on how to inspect the seat and repair it if necessary. These documents can also be found at <https://www.freedmanseating.com/instructions/go-esfoldaway>.

After seat inspection under the aforementioned procedure and a determination that the seat is defective, the enclosed Recall Repair Order Form and email it to Freedman Customer Service [partsdept@freedmanseating.com](mailto:partsdept@freedmanseating.com) to order a Recall Parts Kit.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Freedman Seating Company Part # 44200 GO-ES Foldaway Repair Kit

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Seats affected by the Freedman recall were manufactured prior to July 2018. All seats received prior to July 2018 have been used.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Recall to commence within two weeks from receipt of approval from NHTSA.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 15, 2018 - DEC 06, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : NOV 15, 2018 - DEC 06, 2018

\* NR - Not Reported