



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

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Mr. Tim Lafon
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Volvo Bus Corporation
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NEF-150MR
19V-119

Subject: Fire Extinguisher May Not Discharge

Dear Mr. Lafon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volvo Bus Corporation'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:

VOLVO BUS/9700/2015-2018

Mfr's Report Date: February 21, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-119

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 316

Problem Description:

Volvo Bus Corporation (Volvo Bus) is recalling certain 2015-2018 9700 motorcoaches equipped with specific fire suppression systems. The actuator of the fire extinguisher system may not function properly, preventing the fire extinguisher from discharging the fire suppression agent.

Consequence:

If the fire suppression system does not work as intended, it can increase the risk of injury in the event of a fire.

Remedy:

Volvo Bus will notify owners, and the fire suppression system manufacturer will inspect the systems, replacing them as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 1, 2019. Owners may contact Volvo Bus customer service at 1-866-870-2046. Volvo Bus' number for this recall is SR19-83.

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.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to Volvo Bus instructions.

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,



Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement