



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Jimmy Jarman  
Customer Service/Warranty Manager  
Diamond Coach Corporation  
2300 West Fourth Street  
Oswego, KS 67356

NEF-150MR  
19V-145

**Subject:** Seat Back may not Stay Upright/FMVSS 207, 210

Dear Mr. Jarman:

This letter serves to acknowledge Diamond Coach 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:**

DIAMOND COACH/PT 2000/2018  
DIAMOND COACH TRANSIT/MPV/VTUM/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 28, 2019

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 19V-145

**Components:**

SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 12

**Problem Description:**

Diamond Coach Corporation (Diamond Coach) is recalling certain 2018 Transit MPV/VTUM and 2018 PT 2000 transit buses equipped with Freedman GO-ES Foldaway Seats. When the back seat cushion is rotated from the stowed position to the upright position, the seat cushion may not remain locked into place when under load, such as in a crash or a sudden stop. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 207, "Seating Systems," and number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

**Consequence:**

In the event of a crash, if the seat back moves, the seat occupant has an increased risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Diamond Coach will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and repair the foldaway seat, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in March 2019. Owners may contact Diamond Coach customer service at 1-800-442-4645.

**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](http://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.

We have received Diamond Coach's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution once edits have been made.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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