

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-229

Manufacturer Name : TransitWorks**Submission Date :** FEB 28, 2020**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-229**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : TransitWorks

Address : 1090 W Wilbeth Rd

Akron OH 44314

Company phone : 861-1118

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 776

Estimated percentage with defect : 30 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2015-2018 Ford Transit

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Freedman Seating Company provided TransitWorks with the order number, date, and PO associated with affected seats, identifying seats by part number. TransitWorks identified the year, make, model, VIN# and ship-to's of vans build by TransitWorks where those seats were installed.

Production Dates : JUL 09, 2015 - DEC 04, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2016-2016 Dodge Ram ProMaster

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : NR

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Production Dates : AUG 23, 2016 - AUG 23, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 3C6TRVPGXGE109223

End : 3C6TRVPGXGE109223

☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2018-2018 Ford Transit Connect

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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where those seats were installed.

Production Dates : MAY 10, 2018 - AUG 02, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 1FTBW2XG4JKA73450 End : 1FTBW2XM9JKA73448 ☒ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Freedman Seating Company GO-ES seats 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 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the 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 : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : During the operation of the seat and, specifically, in rotating the seat back cushion from the stowed to the upright, design use position, there needs to be an audible click of the mechanism locking into position. In addition, the mechanism will rotate downwards.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Freedman Seating Company

Address : 4545 W. Augusta Blvd.
Chicago ILLINOIS 60651

Country : United States

Chronology :

November 1, 2018: TransitWorks notified of recall via email by Freedman Seating Company.

November 6, 2018: TransitWorks requests additional information to determine whether single seat is also affected by the recall and begins the process of identifying affected vehicles.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Freedman Seating Company will facilitate the inspection, provide customer with a Recall Parts Kit, and reimburse the cost of repairs, including parts and labor, of \$50 per seat.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Check shipping date under seat. Freedman Seating Company states that seats shipped July 2018 and after do not need any repair.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Affected seats were identified and repaired using the Freedman Recall Parts Kit prior to shipping to customers.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealer letters were sent via United States Postal Service on 12/19/2018 and via email to the same dealers between 12/21/2018 and 1/7/2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 19, 2019 - JAN 07, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported