

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-238

Manufacturer Name : Vantage Mobility International, LLC**Submission Date :** MAR 26, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-238**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Vantage Mobility International, LLC

Address : 5202 S. 28th Place

Phoenix AZ 85040

Company phone : 602-304-3265

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 12

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2015-2018 Ford Transit Van

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information :

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Foldaway Seats manufactured from the beginning of production, January 1, 2014, through the production date of July 1, 2018. These seats can be repaired in the field with the addition of specifically designed hardware.

Production Dates : MAR 04, 2017 - JAN 09, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2015-2015 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : GAS

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Production Dates : JAN 14, 2019 - FEB 14, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2007-2007 Ford F250

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : Identify All AMS converted vehicles that had the Freedman seat installed that is the subject of their recall 18E-076

Production Dates : MAY 10, 2018 - MAY 15, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The back cushion may not fully engage when rotated from stowed to upright, design use position.

FMVSS 1 : 207 - Seating systems

FMVSS 2 : 210 - Seat belt assembly anchorages

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a crash, the back cushion may not support the appropriate loading increasing the risk of injury

Description of the Cause : If the back frame weldment is too narrow and it is assembled to the seat base weldment this may result in deforming the dump mechanism causing it to malfunction.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : In the event of a crash, the back cushion may not support the appropriate loading increasing the risk for injury.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Freedman Seating Comapny

Address : 4545 West Augusta Blvd.
Chicago 60651

Country : NR

Chronology :

During May 2018 two separate, isolated field issues were communicated to Freedman by the same customer involving a deformed seat back index pin and a back cushion mechanism not locking allowing the back cushion to over rotate beyond the design use position. During June and July 2018 there were several visits to one customer where Freedman inspected several seats, discussed the issue with the customer and Freedman reviewed its seat design and manufacturing processes. After customer visit on July 25, 2018 and despite the fact there has been seat issues at only one customer Freedman concluded there is a probability the defect could occur at other customers.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Freedman will notify those vehicle builders who purchased the seat and Freedman will provide a Seat Inspection & Repair Procedure. Freedman will reimburse the cost of repairs relating to this recall, including both parts and labor, at no cost to the vehicle manufacturer or vehicle owner. Parts for this recall are anticipated to be available for shipment on or before September 15, 2018. The recall will begin September 30, 2018. Vehicle owners may contact Freedman Customer Service at 800-443-4540
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	There is no visual indication that would differentiate the recalled GO-ES Foldaway Seat (p/n 43705, 45467, 48923, 75719) from a remedy seat.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	There was a design change by Freedman to add a gusset to seat back index pin on May 31, 2018.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	The affected vehicles are sold directly to end users. Letters to inform end users will be mailed by 4/15/19
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	NR - NR
Planned Owner Notification Date :	APR 01, 2019 - APR 15, 2019

* NR - Not Reported