

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 19V-333

**Manufacturer Name :** New England Wheels

**Submission Date :** APR 29, 2019

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-333

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 18E-076



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** New England Wheels

**Address :** 33 Manning Road

Billerica MA 01821

**Company phone :** 800-886-9247

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 544

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2014-2018 Ford Transit

**Vehicle Type :** LIGHT VEHICLES

**Body Style :** VAN

**Power Train :** GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Recall population was determined by matching purchase orders containing part numbers of the affected seats with vehicles using those seats from Freedman.

**Production Dates :** AUG 01, 2014 - MAR 29, 2019

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

**Vehicle 2 :** 2014-2019 RAM Promaster 2500/3500

**Vehicle Type :** LIGHT VEHICLES

**Body Style :** VAN

**Power Train :** GAS

**Descriptive Information :** Recall population was determined by matching purchase orders containing part numbers of the affected seats with vehicles using those seats from Freedman.

**Production Dates :** AUG 01, 2007 - MAR 29, 2019

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The 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.

During the operation of the seat and, specifically, in rotating the the seat back cushion from the stowed to the upright position there needs to be an audible click of the mechanism locking into position. In addition, the mechanism handle will rotate downwards. There may be some seats where the mechanism does not fully engage during this operation of the seat back cushion.

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 :** The 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.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** A fully engaged seat mechanism will produce an audible click. Absence of this clicking sound may indicate a faulty mechanism.

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : Freedman Seating Company

Address : 4545 W Augusta Blvd.  
Chicago ILLINOIS 60465

Country : United States

## Chronology :

Determined by Freedman Seating Company

## Description of Remedy :

**Description of Remedy Program :** Freedman Seating Company has identified a visual check procedure to determine if the Go-ES Foldaway seat is malfunctioning. Freedman Seating Company will cover the cost to the end user of replacing the malfunctioning parts of the seat.

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** The remedy replaces the defective parts subject to the recall. Freedman Seating Company has identified Part Number FSC 44200 as the replacement parts kit to address the subject of the recall.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** Not applicable to New England Wheels. Freedman Seating company is the manufacturer of the seats which were installed in certain vehicles subject to the recall by New England Wheels.

## Recall Schedule :

**Description of Recall Schedule :** NR

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** MAY 03, 2019 - MAY 03, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 06, 2019 - MAY 15, 2019

\* NR - Not Reported