



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

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NEF-150MR
20V-697

Subject: Wheel Chair Belt Anchors May Fail/FMVSS 222

Dear Mr. Hammani:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lion Electric Company'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:

LION/360/2016-2019
LION/LION C/2016-2019

Mfr's Report Date: November 12, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-697

Components:

SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Problem Description:

Lion Electric Company (Lion Electric) is recalling certain 2016-2019 Lion C and Lion 360 school buses equipped with wheelchair lifts. The shoulder belt and ground anchors intended to hold a wheelchair in place may detach in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

If the shoulder belt and ground anchors detach during a crash, there would be an increased risk of injury to the occupant.

Remedy:

Lion Electric has notified owners, and dealers will add a rivet to reinforce the floor and change the screws on the seat belt, free of charge. The recall began November 23, 2020. Owners may contact Lion Electric customer service at 1-855-546-6706.

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 ensure the following requirements are met:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the test results and other information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Include the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement