

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

May 14, 2024

Mr. Keith Fisher Compliance Engineer Forest River Bus, LLC 2367 Century Drive Goshen, IN 46528 NEF-107KL

24V-324

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Seat Back Malfunction/FMVSS 208

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River Bus, LLC'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:

GLAVAL BUS/UNIVERSAL/2024 MOBILITY TRANS/SAFETBUS/2024

Mfr's Report Date: May 10, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-324

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 58

Problem Description:

Forest River Bus, LLC. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2024 Glaval Universal and Mobility Trans Safetbus transit buses, equipped with certain GO-ES Space Saver Foldaway Seats. The recliner mechanism may not engage when the seat back is fully reclined. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

The seat back could release under the shoulder belt load, increasing the risk of injury during a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will inspect and repair the seat, as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed June 19, 2024. Owners may contact Forest River Customer Service at 1-800-348-7440. Forest River's number for this recall is 51-1774.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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.

As stated in 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Forest River Bus, LLC's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

