

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

May 23, 2024

Mr. Bradley Moore Vice President Prime-Time Specialty Vehicles 56616 Elk Park Drive Elkhart, IN 46516

Subject: Seat Back Malfunction/FMVSS 208

Dear Mr. Moore:

This letter serves to acknowledge Prime-Time Specialty Vehicles'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:

FORD/TRANSIT CONVERSION/2023-2024

Mfr's Report Date: May 21, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-355

**Components:** 

**SEATS** 

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 9

### **Problem Description:**

Prime-Time Specialty Vehicles (Prime-Time) is recalling certain 2023-2024 Ford Transit vehicles, 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 when force is applied to the shoulder belt, 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 May 27, 2024. Owners may contact Prime-Time customer service at 1-574-293-9191.

#### 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.



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# Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

Prime-Time Specialty Vehicles's contact for this recall will be Hensly Guerra who may be reached by email at hensly.guerra1@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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