



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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26V077

Pierre-Luc Ouimet
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Subject: Mounting Rails May Crack and Cause Seat to Fall

Dear Pierre-Luc Ouimet:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nova Bus (US) Inc.'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:

NOVA BUS/LFS/2013-2019
NOVA BUS/LFS ARTIC/2019-2020

Mfr's Report Date: February 10, 2026

NHTSA Campaign Number: 26V077

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 478

Problem Description:

Nova Bus (US) Inc. (Nova Bus) is recalling certain 2013-2019 LFS and 2019-2020 LFS Artic transit buses equipped with Double Transversal seats. The passenger seat mounting rails may crack, causing the seat to detach and fall to the floor.

Consequence:

A seat that falls unexpectedly increases the risk of injury to passengers in or near to the seat.

Remedy:

Nova Bus will replace the attachment brackets, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 11, 2026. Owners may contact Nova Bus customer service at 1-450-472-6410.



Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) involved in this recall will be searchable on NHTSA.gov beginning April 11, 2026.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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.

Nova Bus (US) Inc.'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

Alex Ansley
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Enforcement