



U.S. Department  
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National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 26V142

**Manufacturer Name:** Gillig, LLC

**Submission Date:** Mar 12, 2026

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 26V142

**Manufacturer Recall No.:**

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Gillig, LLC

**Address:** 451 Discovery Drive  
LIVERMORE CA, 94551

**Total number of potentially involved:** 3,568

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 100%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2021-2026 GILLIG LOW FLOOR

**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

**Product Type:** Transit Bus

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel

**Production Dates:** May 07, 2021 - Mar 09, 2026

**Number of potentially involved:** 3,568

**Descriptive Information:**

GILLIG is recalling a population of Low Floor Diesel transit buses due to a potential installation issue affecting the air compressor intake pipe. The recall population is based on production records and includes all vehicles where the correct installation of the air compressor intake pipe cannot be confirmed.

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

If the intake pipe of the air compressor is not installed correctly, it may not have sufficient clearance with and rub against the engine fuel line. If the intake pipe rubs against the fuel line over an extended period of time, this may damage the fuel line and potentially lead to a fuel leak.

**FMVSS1:**

**FMVSS2:**

**Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

Fuel leaking in the engine compartment may increase the risk of vehicle fire.

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## Description of the cause:

## Identification of any warning that can occur:

Damage to the fuel line and/or the air compressor intake pipe may be observable upon a visual inspection.

## Component Manufacturer

### Tier of Supplier:

### Supplier Type:

### Name:

### Address:

### Country:

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Air pipe

**Component Description:** Air compressor intake pipe

**Component Part Number:** 01-82587-000

## Chronology

On 02/12/2026 a customer reported to Gillig the presence of smoke from the rear engine compartment of a bus during service. No injuries were reported and the source of smoke was addressed at the scene.

Between 02/12 and 03/05/2026 GILLIG Quality Dept. investigated the issue. GILLIG's investigation found the bus involved in the incident is a model year 2025 with a Diesel engine that has an air intake pipe design routed very close to the engine fuel system components for packaging reasons. GILLIG personnel inspected the subject bus. The inspection found the compressor air intake pipe in the subject bus had not been properly oriented which consequently led to a lack of clearance with the engine fuel carrying components, including the fuel line.

Based on this information, GILLIG inspected buses with the same diesel engine and air intake pipe design that were present at its manufacturing facility. GILLIG found additional buses at its facility where the air intake pipe had not been properly oriented according to specification. Consequently, GILLIG identified that its internal process control for the installation of the air intake pipe was not adequate based on the observed variations in how the air intake pipe was installed on the buses inspected at its facility.

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Gillig also reviewed its records to analyze whether there had been any other claims or reports similar to the initial incident and found none. Given the single field incident and the identification of other buses with incorrect orientation of the air intake pipe at the GILLIG facility, on 3/05/2026: the GILLIG Safety Committee decided to file a recall with NHTSA to correct the issue on all vehicles potentially affected.

GILLIG is aware of 1 report of a thermal event (smoke) from a vehicle, no deaths or injuries and no warranty claims potentially related to this issue.

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:**

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Replace

**Consumer Advisories:**  Do Not Drive  Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

GILLIG will notify all vehicle owners involved in the campaign and providing a remedy at no cost to the customer. Gillig will inspect the orientation of the intake pipe and if necessary, install a replacement pipe with the correct orientation and clearance.

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

The remedy action will consist of a replacement intake pipe of the same part number, installed according to specifications.

**Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:**

The issue was contained at the vehicle manufacturing plant on 02/18/2026. The personnel involved with the specific installation will be retrained to ensure the pipe is installed and oriented in the correct direction and clearance.

## Reimbursement Plan

**Description of reimbursement program:**

Pursuant to 49 CFR 577.11(e), GILLIG requests to be exempted from providing a pre-notification reimbursement plan. Pre-notification product failures would have been addressed under the terms of GILLIG's warranty.

**Period of reimbursement:**

**Costs to be reimbursed:**

**Address for reimbursement claims:**

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## Recall Schedule

**Description of recall schedule:**

Recall notices will be sent as soon as NHTSA approves the draft letter. GILLIG does not have a dealer network. Therefore, dealer notification is not required for this recall.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** No Dealers**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** No Owners**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Apr 30, 2026 - Apr 30, 2026 Phased Recall**Date when VIN will be searchable:**