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# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 26V168

**Manufacturer Name:** International Motors, LLC

**Submission Date:** Apr 09, 2026

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 26V168

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** 26504

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** International Motors, LLC

**Address:** 2701 Navistar Drive  
Lisle IL, 60532

**Total number of potentially involved:** 2,874

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 87%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2024-2024 IC BUS CESB

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

**Product Type:** School Bus

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel

**Production Dates:** Sep 25, 2023 - Oct 04, 2023

**Number of potentially involved:** 4

**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was identified by certain vehicles built 01/10/2023 thru 02/17/2026 with side emergency exit doors, right or left(feature codes 0047DJC, 0047DCL or 0047DCP). All other similar vehicles, which are not subject to this recall, are excluded.

**Vehicle 2:** 2023-2023 IC BUS CESB

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

**Product Type:** School Bus

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel

**Production Dates:** Jan 10, 2023 - Jan 11, 2023

**Number of potentially involved:** 2

**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was identified by certain vehicles built 01/10/2023 thru 02/17/2026 with side emergency exit doors, right or left(feature codes 0047DJC, 0047DCL or 0047DCP). All other similar vehicles, which are not subject to this recall, are excluded.

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****26V168****Vehicle 3:** 2027-2027 IC BUS CESB**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** School Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Oct 08, 2025 - Feb 17, 2026**Number of potentially involved:** 334**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was identified by certain vehicles built 01/10/2023 thru 02/17/2026 with side emergency exit doors, right or left(feature codes 0047DJC, 0047DCL or 0047DCP). All other similar vehicles, which are not subject to this recall, are excluded.

**Vehicle 4:** 2026-2026 IC BUS EVSB**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** School Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Electric Battery Power**Production Dates:** Oct 08, 2025 - Dec 19, 2025**Number of potentially involved:** 19**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was identified by certain vehicles built 01/10/2023 thru 02/17/2026 with side emergency exit doors, right or left(feature codes 0047DJC, 0047DCL or 0047DCP). All other similar vehicles, which are not subject to this recall, are excluded.

**Vehicle 5:** 2025-2025 IC BUS CESB**Product Category:** Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles**Product Type:** School Bus**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel**Production Dates:** Feb 06, 2024 - Oct 30, 2024**Number of potentially involved:** 990**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was identified by certain vehicles built 01/10/2023 thru 02/17/2026 with side emergency exit doors, right or left(feature codes 0047DJC, 0047DCL or 0047DCP). All other similar vehicles, which are not subject to this recall, are excluded.

**Vehicle 6:** 2025-2025 IC BUS EVSB

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

**Product Type:** School Bus

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Electric Battery Power

**Production Dates:** Feb 08, 2024 - Oct 14, 2024

**Number of potentially involved:** 5

**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was identified by certain vehicles built 01/10/2023 thru 02/17/2026 with side emergency exit doors, right or left(feature codes 0047DJC, 0047DCL or 0047DCP). All other similar vehicles, which are not subject to this recall, are excluded.

**Vehicle 7:** 2027-2027 IC BUS EVSB

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

**Product Type:** School Bus

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Electric Battery Power

**Production Dates:** Feb 12, 2026 - Feb 12, 2026

**Number of potentially involved:** 1

**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was identified by certain vehicles built 01/10/2023 thru 02/17/2026 with side emergency exit doors, right or left(feature codes 0047DJC, 0047DCL or 0047DCP). All other similar vehicles, which are not subject to this recall, are excluded.

**Vehicle 8:** 2026-2026 IC BUS CESB

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

**Product Type:** School Bus

**Fuel / Propulsion:** Compression Ignition Fuel

**Production Dates:** Oct 01, 2024 - Oct 13, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 1,519

**Descriptive Information:**

The suspect population was identified by certain vehicles built 01/10/2023 thru 02/17/2026 with side emergency exit doors, right or left(feature codes 0047DJC, 0047DCL or 0047DCP). All other similar vehicles, which are not subject to this recall, are excluded.

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

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Certain school buses fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 221 Section 5.1, "School Bus Body Joint Strength." The side emergency door interior vertical joints were built without sufficient epoxy coverage.

**FMVSS1:** 221 - School bus body joint strength

**FMVSS2:**

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

In the event of a crash, the interior joint may separate.

**Description of the cause:**

**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:**

**Supplier Type:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Country:**

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Epoxy

**Component Description:** Joint missing epoxy

**Component Part Number:** Joint missing epoxy

## Chronology

12/14/2025: International receives three additional reports of units missing epoxy from a dealer and initiates an investigation.

12/17/2025: International completes warranty analysis and finds no claims related to lack of epoxy on joints or joint strength.

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01/04/2026: International validates the epoxy installation process and finds that while epoxy was being applied correctly, the process documentation was out of date. International begins surveillance audits to continue monitoring the topic.

02/24/2026: The surveillance audit identifies a recently built bus that was built without epoxy.

02/25/2026-03/02/2026: International conducts inspection of completed buses at Tulsa Bus Assembly and identifies additional buses built without epoxy.

03/02/2026: Tulsa Bus Assembly completes updated work instructions for the installation of epoxy on the panel lap.

03/03/2026: International implements a delivery stop at Tulsa Bus Assembly Plant. All affected vehicles were contained and repaired.

03/09/2026: Pull Testing confirmed a joint without epoxy failed to meet the requirements of FMVSS 221 Section 5.1.

03/11/2026: International finalizes the suspect population.

03/12/2026: International declares a Non-Compliance Recall.

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:**

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Inspect, Repair

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

**Description of remedy program:**

The remedy will involve inspecting the side emergency door interior vertical joints for epoxy and adding screws if epoxy is not present.

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

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

## Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

## Recall Schedule

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****26V168****Description of recall schedule:**

When parts are available, remedy instructions and owner notifications will be distributed. Tentative schedule as indicated.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** May 11, 2026 - May 11, 2026  No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**  No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** May 18, 2026 - May 18, 2026  Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:** May 11, 2026