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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V182

Manufacturer Name: Nova Bus (US) Inc.

Submission Date: Mar 24, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V182

Manufacturer Recall No.: CR5873

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Nova Bus (US) Inc.

Address: 260 Banker Road
PLATTSBURGH NY, 12901

Total number of potentially involved: 416

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2019-2020 NOVA BUS LFS ARTIC

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Aug 15, 2019 - Dec 11, 2019

Number of potentially involved: 16

Descriptive Information:

The recall population is defined by vehicles built from 08/15/2019 through 12/11/2019 assembled with USSC driver's seat installed with IMMI Komfort Latch Gen 2.

Vehicle 2: 2022-2023 NOVA BUS LFS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Oct 07, 2022 - Apr 17, 2023

Number of potentially involved: 36

Descriptive Information:

The recall population is defined by vehicles built from 10/07/2022 through 04/17/2023 assembled with USSC driver's seat installed with IMMI Komfort Latch Gen 2.

Vehicle 3: 2020-2020 NOVA BUS LFS

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Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compressed Natural Gas

Production Dates: Feb 11, 2020 - Jul 06, 2020

Number of potentially involved: 31

Descriptive Information:

The recall population is defined by vehicles built from 02/11/2020 through 07/06/2020 assembled with USSC driver's seat installed with IMMI Komfort Latch Gen 2.

Vehicle 4: 2016-2018 NOVA BUS LFS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion: Compressed Natural Gas

Production Dates: Aug 17, 2016 - Sep 07, 2018

Number of potentially involved: 333

Descriptive Information:

The recall population is defined by vehicles built from 08/17/2016 through 09/07/2018 assembled with USSC driver's seat installed with IMMI Komfort Latch Gen 2.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The subject vehicles have been manufactured with a USSC driver seat equipped with a seatbelt tension-relieving device. As currently installed, the seatbelt tension-relieving device does not comply with requirement S7.4.2 of FMVSS No. 208 – Occupant Crash Protection. Specifically, the device does not provide a means to cancel the tension-relieving function without a manual intervention.

FMVSS1: 208 - Occupant crash protection

FMVSS2:

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

A seatbelt system that does not comply with FMVSS No. 208 may increase the risk of injuries in case of a crash.

Description of the cause:

The way the seatbelt tension-relieving device is installed on the driver seat does not provide a means to cancel the tension-relieving function without manual intervention.

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Identification of any warning that can occur:

No warning prior to the failure.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: USSC LLC

Address: 150 Gordon Drive
Exton PA, 19341

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Driver's seat

Component Description: Driver's seat

Component Part Number: N66639-08

Component Name 2: Driver's seat

Component Description: Driver's seat

Component Part Number: N66639-13

Chronology

July 5, 2025: Nova Bus internal audit requests the evaluation of the driver's seat belt tension-relieving device to validate compliance.

July 5, 2025: Nova Bus Compliance team opens a Regulatory Interpretation case.

September 5, 2025: Nova Bus Regulatory Interpretation Committee reaches a final interpretation of C/FMVSS 208 regarding the device's minimal requirements.

September 5, 2025: Nova Bus Product Safety Office raises the case as a Potential Safety Related Issue.

February 17, 2026: Nova Bus completes information gathering, including information from the seat supplier and tension-relieving device supplier.

March 12, 2026 : Product Safety Evaluation Committee evaluates and recommends issue to be escalated to Product Safety Committee.

March 17, 2026 : Product Safety Committee makes the determination of a non-compliance.

March 24, 2026 : Nova Bus files 573 with NHTSA that a voluntary recall will be released to address the non-compliance.

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There have been 0 warranty claims, 0 field reports, 0 accidents or 0 injuries reported with this issue.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Owners will be notified. Vehicles will be recalled. Remedy program is not identified at the moment. Nova Bus is still working on the remedy program.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The vehicles delivered after 03-17-2026 will have the seatbelt tension-relieving device removed from the driver seat.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Nova Bus does not have a dealer network.

Owner notification will begin on or before May 23, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date:

No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: May 23, 2026 - May 23, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: May 23, 2026