



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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12V-179

**SUBJECT: EVAPORATOR ASSEMBLIES/POSSIBLE FIRE**

**DEAR MS. HOWARD:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Nesco Bus Maintenance's (Nesco) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the equipment 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:**

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-179      **Mfg's Report Date:** Not Available

**Components:** EQUIPMENT: ELECTRICAL: AIR CONDITIONER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 231

**Summary:**

NESCO BUS MAINTENANCE (NESCO) IS RECALLING CERTAIN CARRIER GEN V EM-1 EVAPORATORS INSTALLED AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT BY NESCO ON VARIOUS SCHOOL AND TRANSIT BUSES. THE EM-1 EVAPORATORS CONTAIN A FUSE HOLDER IN THE MOTOR ASSEMBLY WHICH DUE TO TIME, TEMPERATURE, AND/OR VIBRATION MAY CAUSE THE FUSE TO LOOSEN IN THE FUSE HOLDER, RESULTING IN HIGH RESISTANCE AND ARCING.

**Consequence:**

IF SUFFICIENT ARCING OCCURS, THE FUSE HOLDER MAY MELT AND POTENTIALLY CAUSE A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

NESCO WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON HOW TO OBTAIN THE RETROFIT KIT FROM CARRIER ALONG WITH REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. NESCO HAS NOT PROVIDED A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. (SEE CARRIER'S RECALL CAMPAIGN 11E-003.) OWNERS MAY CONTACT CARRIER AT 1-800-348-7440. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF YOUR VEHICLE IS AFFECTED, PLEASE REVIEW THE LIST OF VEHICLES PROVIDED TO US BY NESCO BY CLICKING ON THE AFFECTED VEHICLE LIST.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, by email at [Edison.Thompson@dot.gov](mailto:Edison.Thompson@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement