



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

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Mr. Camile Chartrand
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NVS-215KS
13V-440

Subject: Seat Impact Resistance/FMVSS 222

Dear Mr. Chartrand:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lion Bus 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:

LION/360/2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 18, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-440

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

Lion Bus is recalling one model year 2013 360 school bus equipped with passenger seats that have three-point seat belts. In an impact, the backs of these seats absorb an insufficient amount of impact force. Thus, these vehicles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

Noncompliant seats may increase the risk of injury to occupant during a crash.

Remedy:

The owner of the bus has been notified of the safety issue. Lion Bus has not yet provided a remedy plan. Owners may contact Lion Bus at 1-450-432-5466.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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. After the safety issue on this one vehicle has been resolved, please submit one quarterly report stating a one hundred percent completion rate.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

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 Investigations
Enforcement