



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Dan Allen
Chief Engineer
North American Bus Industries, Inc.
106 National Drive
Anniston, AL 36207

NVS-215KS
13V-597

Subject: Wheel Lug Nuts May Loosen causing Wheel Separation

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter serves to acknowledge North American Bus Industries, 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:

NABI/31LFW/2013
NABI/40LFW/2013

Mfr's Report Date: November 25, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-597

Components:

WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 157

Problem Description:

NABI Bus, LLC (NABI) is recalling certain model year 2013 40LFW and 31LFW transit buses equipped with painted steel wheels. Due to excessive paint on the wheels, the wheel lug nuts may loosen during operation.

Consequence:

If the lug nuts loosen during operation, the wheel could detach from the bus, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

NABI has notified the fleet owner of these buses and has replaced the affected painted steel wheels, free of charge. The recall began in August 2013. Customers may contact NABI at 1-256-831-4296. NABI's number for this recall is 20137.

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.

The information in your report suggests that North American Bus Industries (NABI) may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

Your 573 report states that all affected buses have been remedied. Please submit one quarterly report stating a 100 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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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