



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Gregory Vismara  
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NVS-215SM  
14V-459

**Subject:** Rear Brakes Missing Quick Release Valve/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Vismara:

This letter serves to acknowledge Gillig LLC'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:**

GILLIG/LOW FLOOR/2013-2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 25, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-459

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 252

**Problem Description:**

Gillig, LLC (Gillig) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Lowfloor transit buses manufactured July 25, 2013, to June 17, 2014. The affected vehicles may have been produced without a quick release valve for the rear brakes on buses built with rear disc brakes. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air brake systems."

**Consequence:**

If the bus's anti-lock brake system was non-functioning and the bus experienced a significant braking event that when combined with the road conditions may lock the rear brakes, then a delay in brake release timing could result in a lock up of the rear wheels, increasing the risk of crash.

**Remedy:**

Gillig will notify owners, and dealers will install a quick release valve, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Gillig customer service at 1-800-735-1500.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Gillig's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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).

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.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at [sarah.mcshane@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.mcshane@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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