



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Frank Golemis
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Vapor Bus International
1010 Johnson Drive
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NVS-215SM
15E-033

Subject: Rear Bus Doors May Open While in Motion

Dear Mr. Golemis:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vapor Bus International'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:

VAPOR/ETO CONTROLLER ASSEMBLY/9999

Mfr's Report Date: May 1, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15E-033

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: SOFTWARE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,000

Problem Description:

Vapor Bus International (Vapor Bus) is recalling certain ETO Controller Assemblies, part number 51220550, manufactured March 7, 2013, to April 12, 2015. These assemblies, which control the door operator motor and brake, may have a software defect which can cause the rear passenger doors to open, without warning, when the bus accelerates from a stopped position.

Consequence:

If the rear bus door opens while the bus is in motion, there is an increased risk of injury for the passengers.

Remedy:

Vapor Bus has notified the bus manufacturers that purchased the affected units, and dealers will update the ETO Controller Assembly software, free of charge. The recall began on May 8, 2015. Owners may contact Vapor Bus customer service at 1-847-777-6450.

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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 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