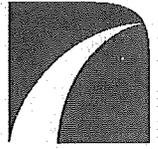


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March 25, 2013

Nancy L. Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
Attn: Recall Management Division

Subject: NABI Safety Recall #20132

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Attached is a Vehicle Defect Initial Information Report, which is being submitted by North American Bus Industries, Inc. pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Sincerely,

North American Bus Industries, Inc. (NABI)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Allen".

Dan C. Allen  
Chief Engineer  
Ph. 256 453 2242

Enclosures

NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES (NABI)

VEHICLE DEFECT  
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

Date: March 25, 2013

NABI Recall No. 20132

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURED DATES		OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
				FROM	THROUGH	
NABI	40LFW	2012-2013	83	11/10/12	3/10/13	Certain NABI 40LFW city transit buses equipped with adjustable brake and throttle pedals

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Total Number of Vehicles: **83**

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: Estimated 25%

NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES, Inc. (NABI)

NABI RECALL NO. 20132

VEHICLE DEFECT  
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

Certain NABI model 40LFW city transit buses equipped with adjustable brake and throttle pedals, may have brake pedals that do not fully release after the brakes are applied.

**RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY:** The brake valve and pedal assembly may not fully release the brakes after applying the brakes. Some air pressure may remain applied to the service brakes. Should this occur, the brakes may overheat while driving and could result in a fire.

1) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:

February/March 2013: 3 buses recently delivered had reported brake dragging issues during this time period.

March 2013: NABI examined the 3 buses which had been reported with the issue and determined that the plunger in the brake pedal did not move freely.

There have been no fires or accidents as a result of this condition.

March 19, 2013: NABI decided that a recall should be initiated to inspect and clean all buses equipped with adjustable pedal assemblies built from November 10, 2012 thru March 10, 2013. While the investigation is still on-going, the suspected cause of the problem is metal shaving contamination in the pedal assembly.

2) REMEDY EXPENSE: NABI will inspect and repair the affected vehicles free of charge.

3) EARLIEST DATE TO BE REMEDIED: March 2013

- 4) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: There will be no public announcement.
- 5) OWNER LETTER: A draft of the customer notification letter will be sent to NHTSA for review and approval.