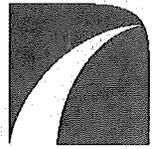


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April 9, 2013

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 #20133

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, appearing to read "Dan C. Allen".

Dan C. Allen
Chief Engineer
Ph. 256 453 2242

Enclosures

NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES (NABI)

VEHICLE DEFECT
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

Date: ~~April 9, 2013~~
Revised April 17, 2013

NABI Recall No. 20133

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURED DATES		OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
				FROM	THROUGH	
NABI	416 and 31LFW	2008-2013 2012	1179	10/30/08 4/1/12	4/3/13 12/27/12	Certain NABI standard floor and LFW city transit buses equipped with a 4 position rotary defroster switch with ring terminals.

Total Number of Vehicles: **1179**

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: Estimated 100%

NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES, Inc. (NABI)

NABI RECALL NO. 20133

VEHICLE DEFECT
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

Certain NABI model 416 (standard floor) and 31LFW city transit buses equipped with a 4 position rotary defroster switch with ring terminals may overheat and melt the area of the dash panel to which it is mounted.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY: The rotary defroster switch may overheat and melt the area of the dash panel to which it is mounted. This may result in damage to the bus and distract the driver, causing a vehicle accident.

CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:

- 1) February 28, 2013 New Jersey Transit reported an overheated switch bus 5897 that resulted in a thermal event. Preliminary reports indicated that the switch overheated, melting the side dash console and damaging dash wiring connected to and around the defroster switch. There was no accident or injuries reported. The bus was at the garage at the time of the incident and the damage to the bus was localized to the wiring at the switch and the dash panel to which it was mounted.
- 2) On or about March 1, 2013, an investigation was initiated by NABI to determine the root cause of the problem.

- 3) On or about April 3, 2013, the investigation determined the root cause of the problem to be excessive current load on the defroster switch when operated in the medium and high settings. This switch is equipped with ring terminals and was only used on buses sold to New Jersey Transit.
- 4) April 3, 2013 NABI decided that the buses equipped with this defroster switch are defective and initiated a recall to correct this issue. To correct the problem, NABI will install relays with additional wiring to reduce the current through the defroster switch.

REMEDY EXPENSE: NABI will repair the affected vehicles free of charge.

EARLIEST DATE TO BE REMEDIED: April 2013

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: There will be no public announcement.

OWNER LETTER: A draft of the customer notification letter will be sent to NHTSA for review and approval.