



July 24, 2013

Ms. Nancy Lewis
 Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
 NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
 ADMINISTRATION
 Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
 Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Recall Notification
 2013 Setra S417TC Motorcoaches**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

On July 17, 2013 EvoBus GmbH determine a safety defect existed in certain 2013 S417TC and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: EvoBus GmbH, Neu-Ulm, Germany

Manufacturer's designated importer and sales agent: Timothy Nalepka
 Motor Coach Industries, Inc.
 7001 Universal Coach Drive
 Louisville, KY 40258
 Phone: 847-285-2085

Manufacturer's regulatory agent: Bill Nicolle
 WPN Services (on behalf of Daimler Buses North America)
 350 Hazelhurst Road
 Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. L5J 4T8.
 Telephone: (416)624-3558

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Setra S417TC	Model year 2013	WKKA57PH5D3010157 / May 2013 WKKA57PH7D3010158 / May 2013 WKKA57PH9D3010159 / April 2013

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 3

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 100%

573.6(c)(5)

Defect Description:

Due to a change in the manufacturing torque method, the bolted joint at the lower control arm in the rear axle could loosen due to torque relaxation. If this were to occur, the steering behavior of the vehicle could possibly be affected.

573.6(c)(6)

Chronology :

March 06, 2013	Implementation of the electronically commutated screwdriver.
Mai 08, 2013	Realization of setting behavior of the bolted connection of the lower control arm of the rear axle.
July 17, 2013	EvoBus GmbH determined a safety defect existed in certain Setra motorcoaches

573.6(c)(8)(i)

Program for remedying the defect:

MCI – the designated importer and sales agent for the affected motorcoaches - will notify affected customers of this defect and the potential safety consequences. Subsequent notifications and the remedy – to control the bolted connection and to retorque it – will be undertaken without charge to the customer, and by agreement, MCI will be reimbursed by EvoBus GmbH.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

The estimated date for notification to customers:	Target mid September 2013 by MCI
The estimated date to provide service bulletin:	Target mid September 2013 by MCI
The estimated date of completion of the notification:	Target mid September 2013 by MCI

573.6(c)(9)

Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the service bulletin will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(10)

Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:

32.00U08919A

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Bill Nicolle", written in a cursive style.

Bill Nicolle
WPN Services (on behalf of Daimler Buses North America)