



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

January 27, 2013

Subject: NHTSA Campaign # 13V-457

Dear NABI Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. NABI Bus, LLC (NABI) in conjunction with Sure Power Inc. ("Sure Power" a division of Eaton's Controls and Power Conversion) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the following vehicles:

- NABI BRT, LFW and CLFW model city transit buses manufactured between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2011.
- OPTIMA OPUS model city transit buses manufactured between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2009/2000-2009
- BLUE BIRD L4RE model city transit buses manufactured by NABI between July 1, 2007 and October 31, 2009

Our records identify you as the owner of the vehicle(s) shown on the attached list that are affected by this recall.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Sure Power has informed NABI that certain equalizer units manufactured since January 2000 are being recalled. The defect has been described by Sure Power in the documentation associated with Equipment Recall 13E-050.

A failure of the battery equalizer may lead to a thermal event (smoke and/or fire). The specific potting compound used in the subject equalizers for insulation was found to be capable of conducting electricity once exposed to significant thermal energy. Once electrically conductive, the material is capable of self-heating and maintaining temperatures capable of accelerating a thermal incident. Sure Power has reported that confirmed incidents to date have demonstrated smoking or flame at the affected part with additional damage limited to adjacent/connected parts such as wire harnesses and cables. The failure mechanism is not detectable and no warning is given prior to thermal failure.



ACTION YOU SHOULD TAKE

NABI and Sure Power are preparing to repair all the buses as soon as parts are available. The repair will consist of replacement of the battery equalizer.

The parts required for this replacement program are not yet available. NABI or Sure Power will contact you to schedule the repair of your vehicle(s) when the replacement parts are available.

NABI and Sure Power will repair the vehicles free of charge.

If NABI and Sure Power do not remedy this condition without charge on the mutually agreed upon service date or within 5 days of this agreed upon date, you can obtain assistance by calling NABI Customer Service at (256) 241-1298 or (256) 241-1312. If you believe that NABI has failed to remedy the vehicle without charge within a reasonable time, you may wish to inform the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free DOT Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or contact NHTSA at <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause you.

NABI Bus, LLC