



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

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NVS-215KS
15V-219

Subject: Air Brake Hoses may Rub Causing Air Leak

Dear Mr. Vismara:

This letter serves to acknowledge Gillig LLC'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:

GILLIG/LOW FLOOR/2013-2015

Mfr's Report Date: April 13, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-219

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 623

Problem Description:

Gillig LLC (Gillig) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 Low Floor transit buses manufactured July 8, 2013, to February 7, 2015 and equipped with disc brakes. The front left and right brake air hoses that connect to the brake chamber may touch and rub against the air bag suspension towers.

Consequence:

If the front brake hoses rub the air bag suspension tower, a hole may develop and the resulting air leak may reduce the brake air pressure, lengthening the distance needed to stop the transit bus and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Gillig has notified owners, and dealers will replace the brake hoses with shorter ones that will not contact the suspension tower, free of charge. The recall began on April 28, 2015. Owners may contact Gillig customer service at 1-800-735-1500.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The information in your report suggests that Gillig may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please explain the delay between changing the brake hose length in production five days after learning of the issue and filing the defect report with us two months later. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement