



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

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Mr. Keith Fisher  
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NVS-215KS  
15V-263

**Subject:** School Bus Seats may be too Flammable/FMVSS 302

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This letter serves to acknowledge Starcraft Bus'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:**

STARCRAFT/PRODIGY/2015  
STARCRAFT/QUEST/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 4, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-263

**Components:**

SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 20

**Problem Description:**

Starcraft Bus (Starcraft) is recalling certain model year 2015 Prodigy and Quest school buses manufactured August 21, 2014, to April 16, 2015. The affected vehicles have seat bottoms whose foam core may not meet the flammability requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 302, "Flammability of Interior Materials."

**Consequence:**

If the seats are built with this seat bottom foam core, the seats may not resist catching fire in the presence of an ignition source, increasing the risk that a fire may start or spread.

**Remedy:**

Starcraft will notify owners, and dealers will replace the school bus seat bottoms with foam that is compliant to the safety standard, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2015. Owners may contact Starcraft customer service at 1-800-348-7440 or by email at [starcraftwarranty@forestriverinc.com](mailto:starcraftwarranty@forestriverinc.com).

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Starcraft's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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).

As required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement