



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Tim LaFon  
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NVS-215KS  
15V-350

**Subject:** Delay in Parking Brake Application

Dear Mr. LaFon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Nova 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:**

NOVA BUS/NOVA LFS/2001-2004

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 28, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-350

**Components:**

PARKING BRAKE:CONVENTIONAL:AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 250

**Problem Description:**

Nova Bus is recalling certain model year 2001-2004 LFS buses manufactured January 1, 2001, to December 31, 2004. The affected vehicles have certain air hoses that may have been incorrectly connected to the R14 valve, causing a delay when applying the parking brake.

**Consequence:**

A delay in the application of the parking brake may result in the bus rolling forward or rearward a few feet, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Nova Bus is confirming that all buses were inspected and repaired. Nova Bus will notify the owner of any unremedied bus and dealers will correct the hose connection, free of charge. Owners may contact Nova Bus customer service at 1-450-472-6410. Nova Bus' number for this recall is CR3405.

**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 Nova Bus' 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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