



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 30, 2018

Mr. Ken Schwertner
SynTec Seating Solutions, LLC
200 Swathmore Ave.
High Point, NC 27263

NEF-150MR
18E-023

Subject: Seat Mounting Bracket Fracture/FMVSS 210, 222

Dear Mr. Schwertner:

This letter serves to acknowledge SynTec Seating Solutions, 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:

SYNTEC/S3B WALL MOUNTED SEATS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: April 10, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-023

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 23,130

Problem Description:

SynTec Seating Solutions, LLC (SynTec) is recalling certain S3B Restraint Wall Mounted Seats. The wall mounting bracket may crack, causing the seat to not remain secured in place in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages," 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, if the seat does not remain secured to the wall, the occupant has an increased risk of an injury.

Remedy:

Syntec will notify the bus manufacturers that purchased the seats, and dealers for those companies will install an additional wall mounting bracket, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Syntec customer service at 1-336-862-7509. Syntec's number for this recall is RESB100.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please amend your filing to provide a list of purchasers of the affected seats.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

The information in your report suggests that SynTec may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA, specifically while reviewing the data that led to the recall filing for the S3B Non-Restraint Wall Mounted Seats in early March 2018. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

If your company is filing quarterly recall completion rate reports, 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement