



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Mike Woods
Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company
4925 State Line Road
Fort Smith, AR 72916

NEF-150MR
18E-098

Subject: Floor Pedestal may Detach/FMVSS 210

Dear Mr. Woods:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company'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:

HSM SOLUTIONS/NEXT GEN SCHOOL BUS SEATS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: October 30, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-098

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 100

Problem Description:

Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company (HSM) is recalling certain HSM NextGen 45" 3PT school bus seats, part number GenQ3-45 LH. The bolts that secure the rear of the seat pedestal to the floor may fracture, allowing the pedestal to detach from the bus floor. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

If the floor pedestal disconnects from the floor during a crash, it can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

HSM will notify the manufacturer that purchased the affected seats, and their dealers will install a new fastener and an additional strap to the rearward seat pedestal, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 16, 2018. Owners may contact HSM customer service at 1-419-492-2157, extension 243.

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 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).

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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