



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. James Anderson
President
Van-Con, Inc.
123 William Street
Middlesex, NJ 08846

NEF-150MR
18V-365

Subject: Roof Seams may Separate/FMVSS 221

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Van-Con, Inc.'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:

VAN-CON/33803 DUAL REAR-WHEEL/2016

Mfr's Report Date: May 15, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-365

Components:

STRUCTURE
STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

Van-Con, Inc. (Van-Con) is recalling one 2016 33803 Dual Rear Wheel school bus. The roof panel seams were not correctly bonded and thus may separate in the event of a crash. As such, this vehicle fails to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength."

Consequence:

If the roof panels separate in a crash, the occupants have an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

The remedy for this recall is still under development. The purchaser of the affected bus is aware of the issue, therefore an owner notification letter will not be mailed. Owners may contact Van-Con customer service at 1-732-356-8484.

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:

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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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