



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

November 2, 2018

Mr. Jose Vazquez
Transportation Collaborative, Inc.
7 Lake Station Road
Warwick, NY 10990

NEF-150MR
18V-719

Subject: Knee Impact Area Foam Insufficient/FMVSS 222

Dear Mr. Vazquez:

This letter serves to acknowledge Transportation Collaborative, 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:

TRANS TECH/SST/2011-2018
TRANS TECH/ST AERO/2011-2018

Mfr's Report Date: October 12, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-719

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 952

Problem Description:

Transportation Collaborative, Inc. (Transportation Collaborative) is recalling certain 2011-2018 Transtech Bus SST, SST Flat Floor and ST Aero school buses, equipped with CE White/HSM SB11-26" and SB11-30" series, standard, unbelted, school bus seats, or SB11-30" series school bus seats with lap belts only. The foam in the knee impact area of the lower seat back may not absorb enough impact in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

If the seat foam does not absorb enough impact energy, it can increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Transportation Collaborative will notify owners, and dealers will install a styrene strip for additional padding, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 16, 2018. Owners may contact Transportation Collaborative customer service at 1-845-988-0419. Transportation Collaborative's number for this recall is 18E-056.

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,



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