



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

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NEF-150KL
20E-083

Subject: Perimeter Weather Seal May Be Compromised

Dear Mr. Kuchciak:

This letter serves to acknowledge First Light Safety Products'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:

FIRST LIGHT SAFETY/STOP SIGN BACK PLATE/9999

Mfr's Report Date: November 6, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20E-083

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 404

Problem Description:

First Light Safety Products (First Light) is recalling all Illuminated School Bus Stop Signs sold for IC CE, Thomas Built Bus Saf-T Liner C2 and Blue Bird Vision buses, sold between April 1, 2020, and October 23, 2020. The back plate perimeter weather seal may allow contaminants to enter, affecting the sign performance. In some cases, it can cause an electrical short, which can cause the sign to be inoperable.

Consequence:

If the sign performance is inhibited, or completely inoperable, it can reduce the visibility for oncoming drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

First Light will notify owners, and dealers will replace the back plate, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact First Light customer service at 1-866-216-2605.

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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)). If less than 1%, amend your filing to state 1% and provide the actual calculated amount in the first product text box.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. Please be reminded that all owners must be notified of the safety risk associated with this filing within 60 days of the 573 being submitted. If the remedy is not available at that time, mail the interim notice, following it with a second notice once the remedy becomes available. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If there are no owners involved in this recall, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

NHTSA has received First Light Safety Products proposed notification letter, for approval.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Neff".

Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement