



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Jose Vazquez
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NEF-150MR
20V-196

Subject: Delay In Seatbelt-Unfastened Telltale/FMVSS 208

Dear Mr. Vazquez:

This letter serves to acknowledge Trans Tech Bus'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/ROADSTAR/2020
TRANS TECH/SST/2020
TRANS TECH/ST AERO/2020

Mfr's Report Date: April 3, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-196

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: INSTRUMENT PANEL
SEAT BELTS:FRONT:WARNING LIGHT/DEVICES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 446

Problem Description:

Trans Tech Bus (Trans Tech) is recalling certain 2020 Roadstar, ST Aero and SST buses built on 2019 Chevrolet Express cutaway chassis. The specific models are AC139SSSA409,AC139SSSP500, CC139DMSA409, CC139DMSA500, CC139DMSP500, CC159DMSA509, CC159DMSA600,EC139DBSP400, SC139DSFP500, SC139DSSA409, SC139DSSA500, SC139DSSP500, SC159DSFP600, SC159DSSA509, SC159DSSA600, SC159DSSA603, SC159DSSP600, and SC177DSSA603.

The seatbelt-unfastened warning light will not illuminate for approximately five seconds after the ignition is moved to the "on" or "start" position. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

Consequence:

Without the seatbelt warning reminder, the driver may forget to fasten the seatbelt, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Trans Tech will notify owners, and dealers will reprogram the instrument panel cluster, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 15, 2020. Owners may contact Trans Tech customer service at 1-845-988-2333.

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.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)).

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,



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