

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

February 15, 2023

Mr. Fred Imundo Compliance Coordinator Navistar, Inc. 2701 Navistar Dr. Lisle, IL 60532

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107DR 23V-066

Subject: Insufficient Roof Panel Joint Strength/FMVSS 221

Dear Mr. Imundo:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, 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:

IC BUS/CE/2022-2023 IC BUS/RE/2022-2023

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 10, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-066

**Components:** 

STRUCTURE:BODY:ROOF AND PILLARS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 115

### **Problem Description:**

Navistar, Inc. (Navistar) is recalling certain 2022-2023 IC Bus CE, and 2022-2023 IC RE transit buses. The roof panel may have been manufactured with insufficient joint strength. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength."

## **Consequence:**

A school bus roof panel with insufficient joint strength may separate during a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

## Remedy:

Dealers will add additional fasteners to secure the joints, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 3, 2023. Owners may contact Navistar's customer service at 1-800-448-7825. Navistar's number for this recall is 23502.

#### **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.nhtsa.gov.

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).

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.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Navistar, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at darishea.rollins@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

