

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-798

Manufacturer Name : Champion Bus, Inc.**Submission Date :** NOV 12, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-798**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Champion Bus, Inc.

Address : 331 Graham Road

P.O. Box 158 Imlay City MI 48444

Company phone : 810-724-6474

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 76

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2017-2018 Champion, Goshen Challenger, Defender, Gforce, LF Transport, Impulse

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by identifying the total number of units manufactured with Freedman GO-ES Foldaway seats January 1, 2014 through July 1, 2018. These seats can be repaired in the field with the addition of specifically designed hardware.

Production Dates : APR 29, 2017 - OCT 31, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : The back cushion may not fully engage when rotated from stowed to upright, design use position.

FMVSS 1 : 207 - Seating systems

FMVSS 2 : 210 - Seat belt assembly anchorages

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a crash, the back cushion may not support the appropriate loading increasing the risk for injury.

Description of the Cause : If the back frame weldment is too narrow and it is assembled to the seat base weldment this may result in deforming the dump mechanism causing it to malfunction.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : There needs to be an audible click of the mechanism locking into position and the mechanism handle will rotate downwards when the back cushion is rotated from the stowed to the upright, design use position.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Fisher Dynamics
Address : 33300 Fisher Drive
St Clair Shores MICHIGAN 48082
Country : United States

Chronology :

During the first week of November, 2018 Champion Bus received a notification from Freedman Seating Company relating to their recall 18E-076. The decision for Champion Bus to file a 573 report was made during the second week of November 2018.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Champion Bus will notify those customers who purchased these seats for their buses and Champion will provide a Seat Inspection & Repair Procedure. Freedman will reimburse the cost of repairs relating to this recall, including both parts and labor, at no cost to the vehicle manufacturer or vehicle owner. Vehicle owners may contact Freedman Customer Service at 800-443-4540.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : There is no visual indication that would differentiate the recalled GO-ES Foldaway Seat (p/n 43705, 45467, 48923, 75719) from a remedy seat.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : There was a design change by Freedman to add a gusset to seat back index pin on May 31, 2018. Welding fixture for the back frame weldment was modified the week of June 18, 2018 and returned to production.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Champion Bus will mail all dealer notifications by 12/3/18 and all customers notifications by 12/10/18.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 26, 2018 - DEC 03, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 03, 2018 - DEC 10, 2018

* NR - Not Reported