

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 20V-250

**Manufacturer Name :** National Van Builders, Inc.

**Submission Date :** MAY 05, 2020

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20V-250

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 20E-004



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** National Van Builders, Inc.

**Address :** 80 Pine Street

Attleboro MA 02703

**Company phone :** 800-527-7477

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 5

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 50 %

## Vehicle Alterer Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2019-2020 Ford Transit

**Descriptive Information :** Safety Recall Notice No 20E-004 was received From Freedman Seating Company on April 9, 2020 indicating that certain GO-ES foldaway seats manufactured between August 2019 and January 2020 may have been manufactured using seat belt retractors that may not be compliant to FMVSS 209. National Van identified all vehicles that were built with Freedman GO-ES foldaway seats installed and sold between August 1, 2019 and April 15, 2020.

**Production Dates :** AUG 01, 2019 - APR 15, 2020

**Vehicle 2 :** 2019-2019 Ram Promaster

**Descriptive Information :** Safety Recall Notice No. 20E-004 received from Freedman Seating Company

**Production Dates :** NOV 01, 2019 - APR 15, 2020

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** Certain vehicles altered by National Van Builders that included the installation of Freedman GO-ES foldaway seats which may have been manufactured by Freedman Seating Company with seat belt retractors that may not be compliant to FMVSS 209.

**FMVSS 1 :** 209 - Seat belt assemblies

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Failure of the seat belt retractor to operate as required in FMVSS 209 may cause injury.

**Description of the Cause :** Certain GO-ES foldaway seats may have been manufactured by Freedman Seating Company with seat belt retractors that do not meet FMVSS 209 and subsequently installed in vans altered by National Van Builders.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** none that we are aware of

**Involved Components :**

Component Name : Freedman GO-ES Foldaway seat

Component Description : 1 or 2 passenger Foldaway Seat

Component Part Number : 43705, 44000, 44001

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Freedman Seating Company

Address : 4545 W. Augusta Blvd  
Chicago ILLINOIS 60651

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

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**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Freedman Seating Company will facilitate the inspection and any necessary repairs. Videos illustrating the inspection procedure can be found at [www.freedmanseating.com/instructions/m2k-jss-retractor](http://www.freedmanseating.com/instructions/m2k-jss-retractor). After inspection, if the seat belt retractors are found non-compliant, Freedman Seating Company will send replacement(s) via information submitted on the online form provided with the inspection procedure above. Freedman will reimburse the cost of repairs including parts and labor of \$25.00 per belt.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Replacement retractor that is FMVSS 209 compliant

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : All seats in-house were inspected using the procedure proscribed by Freedman Seating Company and none were found to be defective.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 26, 2020 - JUN 09, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 26, 2020 - JUN 02, 2020

**Purchaser Information :**

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name :

Address :

Country :

Company Phone :

\* NR - Not Reported