

PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Starcraft Commercial Bus Dealers

Re: FMVAA 208 Amendment to Seat Belt Requirements

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Applies to:

Over-the-road buses (*by definition – a bus with an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment*) with a 10,000-26,000 GVWR range and greater than 26,000 GVWR buses must have integrated 3pt. belts in the passenger area.

EX: A 19,500 GVWR bus with in-skirt luggage compartments would require 3 pt. belts.

In the over 26,000 lbs. GVWR category, the **non-over-the-road buses also must have 3pt. belts.**

Does NOT apply to:

- School buses
- Transit buses (*by definition- a bus equipped with a stop request system sold for public transportation provided by, or on behalf of, a state or local government that is not an over-the-road bus*)
- Prison buses
- Perimeter seating buses (*by definition- a bus with 7 or fewer designated seating positions rearward of the driver's seating position that are forward-facing or can convert to forward facing without the use of tools and is not an over-the-road bus*)

Regulation takes effect on **November 28, 2016** which means any bus with a build date prior to that date is not applicable to the change in the standard.

Seat belts must be integrated into the seats in the passenger area; the driver's seat (*and any co-pilot seating not rearward of the driver's seating area*) may have the shoulder portion of the belt attached to the wall/cab.

Please inform your sales team and customers of this change.

If you have any questions, please contact your Starcraft Sales Representative