November 3, 2014

Ms. Cynthia Glass
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Re: Equipment Query EQ14-012

Dear Ms. Glass:

I am in receipt of Equipment Query 14-012 dated October 24, 2014 – thank you.

The investigation undertaken by Daimler Buses North America (DBNA) discovered the following;
1) Williams Controls supplied 560 accelerator pedal assemblies, WM-526, to DBNA.
Note: This number matches data supplied by Williams Controls and DBNA purchase orders.
This does not match EQ 14-012 statement that Williams Controls sold '826 throttle pedal springs'.
DBNA did not purchase throttle pedal springs.
The discrepancy of 266 (826-560) is not within the scope of DBNA to determine.
2) The above 560 accelerator pedal assemblies were installed on Orion VII transit buses manufactured between December 2007 and February 2008 putting their service life currently at 6.5 to 7 years.
3) DBNA has no warranty claims for WM-526 pedal assemblies.
4) DBNA has no field reports with any reference of WM-526 pedal assemblies.
5) DBNA has had no customer complaints of WM-526 pedal assemblies.
6) DBNA has no reports of crashes of Orion VII transit buses as a result of WM-526 accelerator pedal assembly failures.
7) DBNA has no reports of injuries of Orion VII transit buses as a result of WM-526 accelerator pedal assembly failures.

Based on numbers 3 through 7 (above) and information provided by the component supplier, Williams Controls, DBNA has determined no safety defect exists in Orion VII transit buses equipped with WM-526 pedal assemblies and will not be issuing a Part 573.

If you require any further information or clarification, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Bill Nicolle
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