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400 Seventh Street, S. W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

December 18, 2003

04V-010 (1/3)

Subject: Safety Recall 03306 (NHTSA N/A)

Dear Sir:

December 18, 2003, IC Corporation declared that a safety defect may exist in the motor vehicles listed on sheet two of this report, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Attached is a vehicle defect information report, which is submitted pursuant to Parts 573.5, 151 (1), and 153 (1-6) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Very truly yours,

IC CORPORATION

Robert L. Douglas  
Director of Product Integrity

Enclosures

IC Corporation  
RECALL NO 03306

NHTSA N/A

## VEHICLE DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

**DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:** Some FE (Type "D" with engine located adjacent to driver) buses were built with a modesty panel located under the passenger seat barrier located behind the drivers seat on the left side and just aft of the entrance step well on the right side. The modesty panel when used in the FE model is modified to clear the wheel-well. When this is done the wall side of this panel is not supported and can be bent out of position creating a small gap between the modesty panel and the wheel well. This panel is made out of thin steel and the raw edges are protected with a rubber type edge protector. The gap may allow the edge protector to be knocked off and provided room for a passenger to reach under the panel or place their toes under the panel. This defect could cause injury to the passengers seated in the passenger seat behind the barriers.

**CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS, WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:**  
October 15, 2003: Customer notified IC that a child hand was cut while reaching under the modesty panel located under the barrier in front of his seat for an article he dropped. A second child was injured four weeks later at the same location for the same reason. IC's Compliance Committee declared this defect a safety recall on December 18, 2003.

**MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO REPAIR VEHICLE:** Defective units are in the process of having an additional bracket added to tie the wall side of the modesty panels to the wall.

**REMEDY EXPENSE:** There will be no expense to the customer to repair this defect. IC will notify the customer their rights as it relates to repairs completed prior to the release of this recall.

**EARLIEST DATE DEFECT TO BE REMEDIED:** The units at the school district involved in the injury have started with the repairs. Parts will be available by mid January 2004 for the remaining units.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE:** There will be no public announcement.

**OWNER LETTER AND TECHNICAL LETTER:** Start mailing of recall letter to the customers and dealers by January 20, 2004.

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**VEHICLE DEFECT  
INFORMATION REPORT**

NHTSA Ref: N/A  
IC Recall No. 03306

MAKE	MODELS	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURING DATES		OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
				FROM	THROUGH	
American Transportation	FE	1992	85	10/14/1991	9/10/1992	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	1993	660	2/28/1992	12/31/1993	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	1994	275	7/22/1993	5/6/1994	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	1995	1273	4/27/1994	8/24/1995	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	1996	448	8/24/1995	8/12/1996	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	1997	418	8/12/1996	6/5/1997	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	1998	557	6/11/1997	6/4/1998	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	1999	749	6/4/1998	6/8/1999	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	2000	751	6/8/1999	5/31/2000	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	2001	774	6/1/2000	5/24/2001	With Modesty Panels
American Transportation	FE	2002	436	5/25/2001	5/31/2002	With Modesty Panels
American/IC Corporation	FE	2003	519	6/3/2002	3/4/2003	With Modesty Panels
IC Corporation	FE	2004	376	3/4/2003	11/6/2004	With Modesty Panels

Total Number of Vehicles:

7321

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: less than 100%

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