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Subject: PART 573—DEFECT AND NONCOMPLIANCE REPORT
Cummins Engine Recall 0318
NHTSA File No.: EQ03-020

Further to your letter dated September 9, 2003, Orion is submitting information regarding a potential defect that is currently being remedied under Cummins Inc. Recall 0318. The defect relates to the replacement of the electronic control module (ECM) that is installed in Orion transit busses.

Orion has not received any information from Cummins regarding this recall. Cummins has provided no information indicating that this defect is related to any report, accidents, injuries, or warranty claims. As a result, Orion's Part 573 Report references the Defect Report submitted by Cummins. Orion will not be administrating a recall or completion reports for recall 0318.

I have enclosed our data recorded as outlined in the 49 CFR Part 573.6. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance ReportDate this report was prepared: September 23, 2003Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 0318**1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle.**

Orion Bus Industries Ltd.
 350 Hazelhurst Road
 Mississauga, Ontario
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2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall.Make(s): Orion Model Years Involved: 1996-1998 Model(s): VProduction Dates: Beginning: 2/96 Ending: 12/98VIN Range: Beginning: 1VHS29K70V6033393 Ending: 1VHS69U7XV6033404VIN Range: Beginning: 2B1519K70T6032888 Ending: 2B156PU79T6032452Vehicle Type: Bus Bodystyle: _____Make(s): Orion Model Years Involved: 1998 Model(s): VIProduction Dates: Beginning: 5/98 Ending: 5/98VIN Range: Beginning: 1VH669U7XW6040229 Ending: 1VH669U78W6040230Vehicle Type: Bus Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

See Cummins 573 Report for recall 0318**3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.**

Model	Seats	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
V	27 - 45	1996	112
V	27 - 45	1997	150
V	27 - 45	1998	22
VI	29-38	1998	2

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

286

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: See Cummins 573 Report for recall 0318

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

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5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

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6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

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Orion has not received information from the equipment manufacturer confirming that this defect is related to any report, accidents, injuries, fatalities or warranty claims.

Chronology:

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