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Mr. George H. Person
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation

December 21, 2004

04V-611
(4 pages)

Dear Mr. Person:

We have received your notification of the review of defect notice 04E-091. This notice affects equipment manufactured by Carrier Corporation (Carrier), and states that certain vacuum pump brackets manufactured with welds which under certain conditions may break, allowing the vehicle's vacuum bracket to become disengaged from the engine's drive mechanism.

Diamond Coach Corporation (Diamond) has purchased, installed and replaced brackets that we believe are included in this notice.

Enclosed is a letter, sent by Diamond to Carrier, notifying Carrier of the buses that were fitted with this certain bracket (see attachment #1). Also enclosed is the list of buses (twenty-eight total) that were affected at the time of the letter (see attachment #2).

In the letter dated November 5, 2004 Diamond stated they were unable to produce diesel-powered buses that used this bracket due to the potential breakage problem. Since that time Carrier has changed the weldment procedure of the bracket and Diamond is installing them once again. Nine more brackets have been installed to date that meet the same specifications as the previous "in question" brackets. A list of these buses is also attached (see attachment #3).

Producing safe vehicles is a top priority at Diamond Coach. We are happy to cooperate with the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) on any matter that it investigates. The enclosed attachments document Diamonds correspondence with Carrier on this issue and should give you the information you need to gather a "total" number of affected units.

Thank You,

Richard Seybolt, President
Diamond Coach Corporation

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MR. GEORGE H. PERSON
OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

November 5, 2004

Mr. Dave Oberdorff
Carrier Transport
50 Grumbacher Road
York, PA 17402

Dear Dave,

It has come to our attention that the brackets that you supply for Ford diesel max kits are defective.

We have replaced 5 of these brackets at Lawrence Transit approximately 30 days ago, and the same 5 again yesterday.

When these brackets break the vacuum pump that provides the power to the power brakes becomes inoperative, and thus the vehicle has poor braking. Also, the power steering could be affected if this belt gets into the other belt.

We feel that this is a significant safety concern and needs your immediate attention and action.

We have an additional 23 buses equipped with this option that will need to be changed. I have supplied names of end users and VIN numbers for them.

We are also unable to produce diesel-powered buses with this option knowing of this problem. With Ford's scheduling and our sales we have a number of diesel chassis to build in the next 60 days.

Your prompt attention would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Dick Seybolt
President/CEO

Cc: Mike Dormer

Attachment - 1

CARRIER PART NO. 72-62035-00
CUSTOMER

CUSTOMER	ADDRESS	CHASSIS VIN
RITEWAY BUS SERVICE	W201 N 1390 FONDDULAC RICHFIELD, WI 53076	1FDXE45P24HB09544
BOTHWELL ENTERPRISES	I 27 SOUTH, RT. 1 PLAINVIEW, TX 79072	1FDXE45P14HB15674
BUS GROUP	2541 CAMP CREEK PARKWAY ATLANTA, GA 30337	1FDXE45P14HB09549
ATLANTIC TURTLE TOP	15 MEADOWBROOK RD GRAFTON, MA 01519	1FDXE45P44HB44652 1FDXE45P84HB09547
MORALE WELFARE & RECREATION	QUALITY OF LIFE DEPARTMENT PEARL HARBOR, HI 96860-5100	1FDXE45P84HB44654
HOMEWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH	8803 HWY. 35 S FOREST CITY, MS 39074	1FDXE45P44HB26345
JUST HOME	7 EDGEBORO RD EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	1FDXE45P34HB15675 1FDXE45P34HA69488 1FDXE45P14HA69487
MID STATE TRUCK SERVICE INC	2100 EAST 29TH STREET MARSHFIELD, WI 54449	1FDXE45P05HA02168
60 SVS/SVRO TRAVIS OUTDOOR RECREATION	273 ELLIS DRIVE TRAVIS AFB, CA 94535	1FDXE45PX4HA69486
BATON BAPTIST CHURCH	1332 BATON CHURCH RD GRANITE FALLS, NC 28630	1FDXE45P14HA69490
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH	3310 E COMMERCE STREET SAN ANTONIO, TX 78220	1FDXE45P54HA69489
COLONIAL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH	P.O. BOX 290 SNYDER, TX 79520	1FDXE45P34HA69491
ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	P.O. BOX 342 BROOKLYN, NY 11238	1FDXE45PX4HA88765
AMERICAN RED CROSS	ST LOUIS CHAPTER ST LOUIS BI-STATE CHAPTER 10195 CORPORATE SQUARE ST LOUIS, MO 63132	1FDXE45P44HB09545
TRANSPORTATION SUPPLIES INC	10790 NW 14TH STREET PLANTATION, FL 33322	1FDXE45PX4HB09548
FOREVER YOUNG ADULT DAY CARE	18 WORLDS FAIR DRIVE SOMERSET, NJ	1FDXE45P24HB29924

CARRIER PART NO. 72-62035-01

JUST HOME INC	7 EDGEBORO RD EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	1FDXE45P74HA48854 1FDXE45P94HA48855
LAWRENCE TRANSIT SYSTEM	933 NEW HAMPSHIRE PO BOX 708 LAWRENCE, KS 66044	1FDWE35P84HA69492 1FDWE35PX4HA69493 1FDWE35P14HA59494 1FDWE35P34HB69495 1FDWE35P54HA69496
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	185 S. BURNSWICK ST. JESUP, GA 31545	1FDXE45P04HA48856
COMIN HOME	2480 N. PALO VERDE TUCSON, AZ 85718	1FDXE45P64HA69484

CUSTOMER	ADDRESS	CHASSIS VIN
Livery Limited, Inc.	P.O. Box 62 Mystic, CT 06355	1FDXE45P84HB09547
Atlantic Turtle Top	15 Meadowbrook Road Grafton MA, 01519	1FDXE45P44HB44652
Krapf Coaches	495 Thomas Jones Way Suite 300 Exton, Pennsylvania 19341-2529	1FDXE45P05HA40127
Just Home	7 Edgeboro Rd EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816	1FDXE45P25HA06075
Family Senior Health, LLC	675 Garfield Avenue JERSEY CITY, NJ 07305	1FDXE45P05HA06074 1FDXE45P5HA46346
Bus Group, Inc.	880 I-10 Service Road Slidell LA, 70461	1FDXE45P05HA46347
Laughlin Transit	1650 Big Bend Drive LAUGHLIN, NV 89029	1FDXE45P85HA35838 1FDXE45PXHA35839