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National Highway  
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Administration

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-050 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Part 573 Report Date:** January 22, 2004

**MANUFACTURER:** Liberty Bus Incorporated

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT:** Mr. Brian Barrington  
President

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**SUBJECT:** 11 MY 2003 Liberty Spirit (Freedom) school buses manufactured from June 2002 and December 2002. The washer that is used between the seat leg mounting foot and mounting bolt was is not wide enough or of the proper grade. In the event of a vehicle crash, the seat could separate from the floor. Also, there is insufficient pillar padding which could result in head injuries in the event of a crash. These buses fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

**NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS**

In accordance with Part 577, a draft of the owner notification letter must be submitted to this office for our review prior to mailing to the customer.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call:

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