

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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-162** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **March 31, 2004**

Date NHTSA Faxed/Emailed: **April 7, 2004**

Manufacturer: **Accubuilt, Inc.**

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SUBJECT: 3 Accubuilt 2003-2004 Ford E250 multi-passenger vans with one or more seats equipped with rear designated forward facing quick release seats fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems."

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written ONLY if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. The second paragraph needs to be written as, "Vartanian has decided that some 2002, 2003, and 2004 model year multi-passenger vans with rear designated forward facing quick release seats fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 207, "Seating Systems." Also, in accordance with Part 577.5(f)(2), a statement must be included indicating the general type of injury to occupants of the vehicle that can result from the noncompliance, and a description of whatever prior warning may occur.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during May 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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