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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-275** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **June 3, 2004**

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **June 16, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **General Coach America, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Dick Cutcher, Service Manager
Ms. Deborah Morse**

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SUBJECT: **90 General Coach 2003 M1030, 2002-2003 M1030L, 2002-2004 M1035, and 2002-2003 M1035L coaches fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages." The driver's seat tether strap was not installed.**

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

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. The second paragraph needs to read: "General Coach America, Inc. (General Coach) has decided that certain M1030, M1030L, M1035, and M1035L model buses built in 2002, 2003, and 2004, fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages." The driver's seat tether straps were not installed."

Also please change the recall reference at the top of your letter to read NHTSA Reference Number **04V-275**.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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 June 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2004.

NOTE: Please provide this office with the beginning and ending manufacturing dates for these buses.

If you have any questions, please call:



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