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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-411 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **August 10, 2004**

Date Faxed: **August 25, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Orion Bus Industries, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Joe Labonte, Compliance and Safety Officer**

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**SUBJECT: 252 Orion 2002-2003 VII buses equipped with compressed natural gas fuel containers, Model AL7823D, part number 1273147, do not conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 304, 'Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity.' The NGV container's pressure relief devices fail to timely and fully activate as required by the standard.**

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.

As stated in your report, Structural Composites Industries (SCI) will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised if SCI's campaign is not satisfactorily handled, the agency will require you to renotify owners.

If you have any questions, please call:

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