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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-423 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **August 27, 2004**

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **September 1, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Van Hool N.V.**

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SUBJECT: 677 Van Hool 2000-2002 C2045 motorcoaches built with Cummins and Detroit engines and manufactured from September 1999 through December 2001, the mounting brackets of two air tanks located above the drive axle air brakes may break loose.

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

This recall was the subject of Preliminary Evaluation, PE04-047, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide us with a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

NOTE: We will need a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

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, the recall is expected to begin September 30, 2004. Since this will be close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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