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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-519 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: October 21, 2004

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: November 1, 2004

Manufacturer: Champion Bus Inc.

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. Daniel Bensman, Faulkner, Garnhausen, Keister & Shenk

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SUBJECT: 1,562 Champion 2000-2002 Challenger, CTS, Defender, General and 2003-2004 Challenger and Corporal transit buses. A light gauge steel was used for the floor frame crossmember located in the floor sub-frame. Under some road conditions this could cause the sub-floor crossmember frame to crack.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgement letter will be written ONLY if we have additional comments or concerns. *For administrative purposes, we are assigning a 2004 recall number for the expanded and additional portion of recall 03V-458.*

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. Please change the second paragraph to read: Champion Bus, Inc., has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2000, 2001, and 2002 Challenger, CTS, Defender, and General model buses. In addition".

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 October or November 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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