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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-521** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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

Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **November 2, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Champion Bus, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Deborah Morse**

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SUBJECT: **232 Champion 2000-2004 Challenger, Crusader, CTS, Defender, and 2002 M1035 transit buses equipped with Sure-Lok wheelchair securement systems. The sprocket teeth of the retractor assembly is out of alignment. In the event of a vehicle crash, the wheelchair may not be adequately secured possibly resulting in injuries to a wheelchair occupant.**

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

As stated in your report Sure-Lok will be conducting the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised if Sure-Lok'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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