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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-545** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **November 15, 2004**

Date Faxed: **November 17, 2004**

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

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

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SUBJECT: 4,106 Orion 1995-2001 II, 1995-2004 V and VI transit buses fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 217, "Bus Emergency Exits and Window Retention And Release." During subsequent closing of an emergency exit the moving window frame interferes with the jam frame stop located in mid span along the lower edge of the window frame. During the use of an emergency exit window, a window may not open after applying the required forces allowing a person to escape in the event of an emergency.

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 an investigation, PE-217-040809, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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.

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

If you have any questions, please call:

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