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Dear Orion VII Bus Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Structural Composites Industries (SCI) has decided that the end mounted pressure relief device system on compressed natural gas fuel container model ALT823D fails to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 304 – Compressed Natural Gas Fuel Container Integrity.

In the event of a vehicle fire with the fuel system roof enclosure opened or removed, the fuel container's pressure relief devices may not activate as they are designed to do and the fuel container could rupture and explode. Such an explosion, if it were to occur, could cause serious injuries or death to occupants of the bus or to persons outside the bus.

All ALT823D fuel containers with end mounted pressure relief devices are affected. Please contact SCI as soon as possible to schedule replacement of the pressure relief device (prd) system. SCI shall provide all the corrective parts free of charge. In addition, SCI shall reimburse bus owners for all labor services related to the corrective changes.

The existing affected parts are the adapter, O-ring, prd, crushwasher, and vent tubing at the outboard (non-valve) end of the ALT823D fuel tank assembly. SCI will provide a mid-span pressure relief system for replacement of these parts. A detailed description of the existing affected parts, the new mid-span pressure relief system, and the installation procedure has been provided to Orion Bus Industries and is attached here for your reference as 823D Service Bulletin 04- 001 (12-06-04). After de-fueling, the corrective work has been determined to take 2.5 - 3.5 hours per bus with a two person work crew (each bus has 8 ALT823D fuel tank assemblies). Parts for the retrofit work will be available on September 18, 2004.

If you have any problems obtaining the required parts or planning the necessary service work, please call Structural Composites Industries' customer service department collect at 909 594-7777.

If after contacting Structural Composites Industries' customer service department you are unable to obtain a remedy for this condition, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 800-424-9393 (Washington D.C. area residents may call 202-366-0123).

We apologize for this inconvenience. We have taken this action in the interest of your safety and the safety of others and to ensure your satisfaction with our product.

Sincerely,

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SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

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