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Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
05V-011

Subject: FUEL LEAKS

Dear MR. PFISTER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report.
Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

COLLINS/BANTAM/2002-2005
COLLINS/SUPER BANTAM/2002-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-011

Recall Date: January 21, 2005

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 108

Summary:

CERTAIN 2002 THRU 2005 COLLINS BANTAM AND SUPER BANTAM SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 18, 2002, AND JANUARY 17, 2005. THE PROTECTIVE RUBBER PARTS THAT COVER THE FUEL LINES TO PREVENT CONTACT WITH METAL EDGES MAY BE MISSING.

Consequence:

THE FUEL LINES MAY BE CUT RESULTING IN FUEL SPILLAGE AND, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

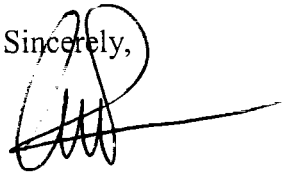
CUSTOMERS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO TAKE THEIR BUSES TO AN AUTHORIZED DEALER FOR FREE REPAIR. DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FUEL LINES AND INSTALL THE PROTECTIVE RUBBER COVERING SHOULD IT BE MISSING. DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL LINES IF THEY ARE DAMAGED.

We have received Collins' proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of defects Investigation
Enforcement