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of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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JOE LABONTE
ORION BUS INDUSTRIES LTD.
350 HAZELHURST ROAD
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO
CANADA 00 L5T 4T8

NVS-215
05V-058

Subject: TIE ROD CLAMPS

Dear MR. LABONTE:

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:
ORION/VII/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-058

Recall Date: January 14, 2005

Components:
STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 59

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR URRESKO TIE ROD CLAMPS, HEAT TREATMENT OF CLAMPS CREATED A SURFACE HARDNESS THAT COULD LEAD TO A FRACTURE OF THE CLAMPS.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRACK, THE CLAMPS COULD BREAK OFF AFFECTING TOE-IN AND ALIGNMENT. THE TIE ROD CAN COME LOOSE RESULTING IN STEERING LOSS AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

ARVINMERITOR IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT ARVINMERITOR AT 1-866-668-7221 OR ORION BUS AT 905-403-7832.

Notes:

ARVINMERITOR RECALL NO. C5AA. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

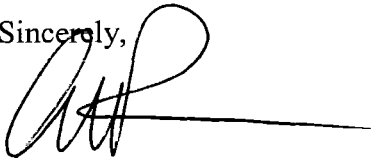
Please provide us with a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

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).

As stated in your report, ArvinMeritor will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If ArvinMeritor's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@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 read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division