



U.S. Department
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

March 2, 2005

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

NVS-215
05V-064

Subject: EATON/POWER STEERING PUMP LEAKAGE

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.

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-064

Recall Date: February 21, 2005

Components:
STEERING:HYDRAULIC POWER ASSIST SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 31

Summary:
ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH EATON POWER STEERING PUMPS, THE PORT PLUG ON THE PUMP WAS INCOMPLETELY SEALED AND LEAKAGE OF THE HYDRAULIC FLUID CAN OCCUR WHICH COULD RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN THE POWER STEERING ASSIST.

Consequence:
THE DRIVER WILL BE SUBJECTED TO HARD TURNING OF THE STEERING WHEEL AND LOSS OF POWER ASSIST IN THE STEERING SYSTEM, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:
EATON IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE POWER STEERING PUMPS. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT EATON AT 1-888-258-0222 OR ORION BUS AT 905-403-7832.

Notes:
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Please provide us with the names of the models, model years involved as well as beginning and ending manufacturing dates. Also provide the date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ05-003, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

As stated in your report, Eaton 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 Eaton'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,

/s/ Patricia A. Wallace for

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division