



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

March 2, 2005

FRANCIS ST-CYR
NOVA BUS INCORPORATED
1000 INDUSTRIEL BOULEVARD
SAINT-EUSTACHE, QUEBEC

NVS-215
05V-065

Subject: TIE ROD CLAMPS/ARVIN-MERITOR

Dear MR. ST-CYR:

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:

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-065

Recall Date: February 14, 2005

Components:

STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12

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 NOVABUS AT 450-974-3134.

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, EQ05-002, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

As stated in your report, Arvin-Meritor 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 Arvin-Meritor'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