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NVS-215
05V-080

Subject: ARVIN MERITOR/URRESKO/TIE ROD CLAMPS

Dear MR.BENSMAN:

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, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
ENC/AXESS/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-080

Recall Date: February 24, 2005

Components:
STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 24

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:

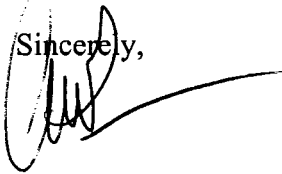
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ05-002, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division