



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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

NVS-215
05V-094

Subject: WINDOW RETENTION CLIPS

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

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ORION/V/2002-2003

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-094

Recall Date: March 4, 2005

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 167

Summary:

ON CERTAIN BUSES, AN INCORRECT WINDOW RETENTION CLIP WAS INSTALLED ALLOWING THE EMERGENCY EXIT WINDOW TO OPEN WITH LITTLE OUTWARD FORCE.

Consequence:

A PASSENGER COULD FALL OUT OF THE BUS INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE WINDOW RETENTION CLIPS. THE RECALL BEGAN ON MARCH 4, 2005. ALL OWNERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT ORION AT 1-905-403-7832.

Notes:

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

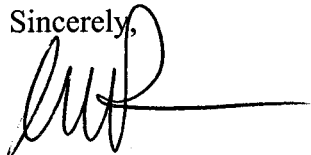
As stated in your report, all owners have been contacted and are currently having their vehicles remedied.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification began on March 4, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

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 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division