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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-106

Subject: HEATERS/WEBASTO

Dear MR. KOSKE:

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:

GILLIG/29 FOOT LOW FLOOR/2004
GILLIG/35 AND 40 FOOT LOW FLOOR/2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-106

Recall Date: March 14, 2005

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH WEBASTO HEATERS, THE BURNER TUBES ARE MADE OF MATERIAL THAT DOES NOT MEET SPECIFICATIONS. THIS COULD RESULT IN PREMATURE FAILURE.

Consequence:

IF A FAILURE WERE TO OCCUR, THE SURFACE TEMPERATURE OF THE EXHAUST TUBES CAN INCREASE AND COULD IGNITE COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN OR AROUND THE VEHICLE WHICH COULD LEAD TO PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

WEBASTO IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. WEBASTO WILL REPLACE THE SUSPECTED DEFECTIVE PARTS. THE RECALL BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 28, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT WEBASTO AT 810-593-6000 OR GILLIG AT 510-264-5031.

Notes:

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

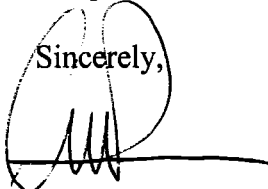
This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ05-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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, Webasto 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 Webasto'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