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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
05V-124

Subject: ENGINE COVER LID CAN FALL

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

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 information will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

IC/FE/2003
IC/FE/2003-2004
IC/FE/2004-2005
IC/FE/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-124

Recall Date: March 30, 2005

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:HOOD

Potential Number of Units Affected: 550

Summary:

CERTAIN IC FE SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 2003, THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2005. THE ENGINE COVER LID CAN BE OPENED UNTIL IT LEANS AGAINST THE INSTRUMENT PANEL.

Consequence:

A BUMP TO THE LID MAY CAUSE IT TO CLOSE WITHOUT WARNING, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY.

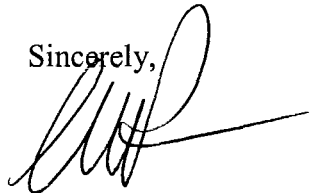
Remedy:

INTERNATIONAL WILL NOTIFY ITS OWNERS AND WILL INSTALL A LATCH AND CABLE ASSEMBLY TO SECURE THE ENGINE COVER LID WHILE IT IS IN THE OPEN POSITION. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2005. OWNERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE FREE REMEDY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME SHOULD CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 800-448-7825.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement