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NVS-215kjs
05V-130

Subject: CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE SYSTEM

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/CE/2003-2005

IC/FE/2003-2005

IC/RE/2003-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-130

Recall Date: March 30, 2005

Components:

CHILD SEAT:VEHICLE LATCH ANCHOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,142

Summary:

CERTAIN IC CORPORATION CE, FE, AND RE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM MAY 12, 2003, THROUGH MARCH 2, 2005, EQUIPPED WITH CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE SYSTEMS. THE DIAMETER LATCH ATTACHMENT BARS EXCEED THE DIAMETER REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 225, CHILD RESTRAINT ANCHORAGE SYSTEMS, WHICH MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO USE WITH FUTURE CAR SEAT ATTACHMENTS. IN ADDITION, SOME OF THE LATCH ATTACHMENTS ARE LOCATED TOO FAR FORWARD OF THE SEAT BACK.

Consequence:

NOT ATTACHING THE CHILD SEAT PROPERLY MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE CRASH. ALSO, THE INAPPROPRIATE PLACEMENT OF THE BRACKETS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY TO A PASSENGER NOT SEATED IN A CAR SEAT.

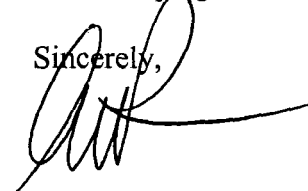
Remedy:

IC CORPORATION WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND 1) THE BRACKETS WILL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED BY A SPECIAL BELT SYSTEM AND 2) THE SEAT FRAME WILL BE REPLACED BY A FRAME WITH A NEW SEAT ATTACHMENT BRACKET. THESE REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED AT NO COST TO THE CUSTOMER. 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 260-461-1924.

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,



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