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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

MR. BRYCE PFISTER
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COLLINS BUS CORPORATION
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NVS-215kjs
05V-192

Subject: FMVSS 222/SEAT CUSHION IS TOO WIDE

Dear MR. PFISTER:

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 accessible to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

COLLINS/BANTAM/2002-2005
COLLINS/GRAND BANTAM/2002-2005
COLLINS/SUPER BANTAM/2002-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-192

Recall Date: April 29, 2005

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 101

Summary:

CERTAIN COLLINS MY 2002-2005 BANTAM, SUPER BANTAM, AND GRAND BANTAM MODEL SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN APRIL 22, 2002, AND APRIL 27, 2005. THESE BUSES WERE EQUIPPED WITH A BENCH-STYLE SINGLE PASSENGER SEATS HAVING A LOWER CUSHION SURFACE OF 24 INCHES IN WIDTH. THESE SEATS SHOULD HAVE A SEATING SURFACE OF ONLY 22 INCHES FOR A SIGNAL DESIGNATED SEATING POSITION. THESE SEATS DO NOT CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 222, SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION.

Consequence:

TO BE DETERMINED.

Remedy:

COLLINS WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND REPLACE THE 24 INCH SEAT CUSHION WITH A 22 INCH SEAT CUSHION FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN MAY 4, 2005. OWNERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE FREE REMEDY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME SHOULD CONTACT COLLINS CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-533-1850.

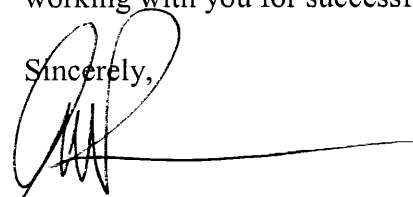
Notes: CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

We have received Collin's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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).

Collins must file a sample of the envelop which it intends to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelop in larger font than the customers name and address.

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 line extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division