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NVS-215
05V-228

Subject: FMVSS 101/PARKING BRAKE INDICATOR LIGHT

Dear MR. DAVIS:

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:
SETRA/S417/2003-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-228

Recall Date: May 04, 2005

Components:
PARKING BRAKE:INDICATOR LIGHT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 317

Summary:
ON CERTAIN (36-58 PASSENGER) MOTOR COACHES FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 101, "CONTROLS AND DISPLAYS." THE PARKING BRAKE INDICATOR LAMP ILLUMINATES IN GREEN AND NOT RED, WHEN THE PARKING BRAKE IS ENGAGED.

Consequence:
ILLUMINATION IN RED IS REQUIRED BY THE APPLICABLE STANDARD.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL INSTALL APPROPRIATE SOFTWARE TO CHANGE THE COLOR OF THE PARKING BRAKE INDICATOR LAMP FROM GREEN TO RED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY OR JUNE 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SETRA AT 1-800-882-8054.

Notes:

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

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6). Also, please provide us with a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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 is expected to begin during May or June 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

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