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NVS-215
05V-229

Subject: 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-229

Recall Date: May 04, 2005

Components:
PARKING BRAKE:INDICATOR LIGHT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 317

Summary:
ON CERTAIN 36-58 PASSENGER MOTOR COACHES, THE PARKING BRAKE INDICATOR LIGHT ON THE DASHBOARD MAY ILLUMINATE IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES EVEN THOUGH THE PARKING BRAKE IS NOT ENGAGED.

Consequence:
THE DRIVER MAY MISINTERPRET THE SIGNAL AND WRONGLY ASSUME THE PARKING BRAKE IS ENGAGED AND THE VEHICLE COULD ROLL AWAY, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PARKING BRAKE PRESSURE SWITCH. 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.

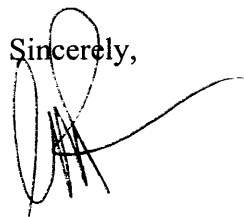
We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. (1) The word "determined" in the second paragraph should be changed to "decided" and delete the word "potentially." (2) A risk/consequence needs to be added to the end of the third paragraph, i.e., "If the driver leaves the operating position in this situation, without first having confirmed the parking brake engagement, the potential exists for vehicle roll away, *which could result in a crash without warning.*"

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 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