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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-231

Subject: BURNER TUBES/VEHICLE SYSTEMS/WEBASTO

Dear MS. WALKER:

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:

AMERICAN CARRIAGE/H3-45/2003-2004
AMERICAN CARRIAGE/XLII/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-231

Recall Date: May 11, 2005

Components:

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG WATER HEATER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR COACHES BUILT ON PREVOST AND EQUIPPED WITH VEHICLE SYSTEMS' AQUA-HOT AND HYDRO-HOT WATER HEATERS, WHICH USE WEBASTO BURNER TUBES, THE BURNER TUBES DO NOT MEET SPECIFICATIONS AND COULD FAIL PREMATURELY.

Consequence:

THE SURFACE TEMPERATURE OF THE EXHAUST TUBE EXITING FROM THE HEATER CAN INCREASE AND COULD POTENTIALLY IGNITE COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS IN OR AROUND THE VEHICLE.

Remedy:

VEHICLE SYSTEMS IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT VEHICLE SYSTEMS AT 1-800-685-4298 OR AMERICAN CARRIAGE AT 1-800-631-0951.

Notes:

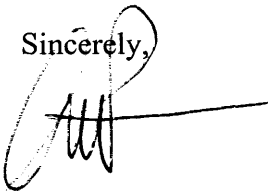
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ05-008, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

As stated in your report, Vehicle Systems will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Vehicle Systems' campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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,

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