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NVS-215
05V-290

Subject: EXHAUST TEMPERATURE SENSORS/DETROIT DIESEL

Dear MR. ALBERY:

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:
NEOPLAN/AN440/1998-2000
NEOPLAN/AN440L/1998
NEOPLAN/AN460/1999-2000

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-290

Recall Date: June 21, 2005

Components:
ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:GASOLINE:TURBO-CHARGER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 465

Summary:
ON CERTAIN STANDARD FLOOR, LOW FLOOR, AND ARTICULATED TRANSIT BUSES BUILT WITH DETROIT DIESEL SERIES 50 ENGINES, THE TURBOCHARGER COMPRESSOR WHEEL CAN BREAK, RESULTING IN SHAFT IMBALANCE AND LUBRICATING OIL PASSES INTO THE EXHAUST SYSTEM.

Consequence:
THIS CAN RESULT IN AN ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURIES.

Remedy:

NEOPLAN IS WORKING WITH DETROIT DIESEL TO NOTIFY OWNERS AND HAVE THE REPAIR PERFORMED ON THEIR VEHICLES. DEALERS WILL INSTALL AN EXHAUST TEMPERATURE SENSOR AND REPROGRAM THE EMC CALIBRATION. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT NEOPLAN AT 719-336-3256 OR DETROIT DIESEL AT 313-592-3708.

Notes:

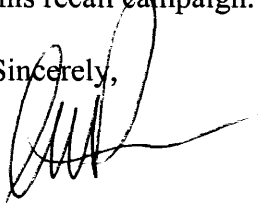
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

This recall was the subject of an investigation, PE04-026, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

As stated in your report, Detroit Diesel 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 Detroit Diesel's 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,



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