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Traffic Safety
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MS. PENNY DUKES
WARRANTY ADMINISTRATOR
MID BUS CORPORATION
505 EAST JEFFERSON STREET
BLUFFTON, OH 45817-1398

NVS-215kjs
05V-292

Subject: STOP ARM MALFUNCTIONS

Dear MS. DUKES:

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 made accessible to the public.

This recall is the result of an investigation conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation, PE05-011.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
MID BUS/GUIDE DW/2002-2005
MID BUS/GUIDE SW/2002-2005
MID BUS/GUIDE XL/2002-2005
MID BUS/SC/2002-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-292

Recall Date: June 16, 2005

Components:
OTHER:SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,706

Summary:

CERTAIN MID BUS 2002-2005 MODEL YEAR GUIDE DX, GUIDE SW, GUIDE XL, AND SC SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 7, 2002, AND APRIL 30, 2005. IN EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER, THE MICROSWITCHES USED INTERNALLY TO POSITION THE SIGN IN THE OPEN AND CLOSED POSITIONS MAY MALFUNCTION, CAUSING THE SIGN TO OPEN OR CLOSE IN AN IMPROPER POSITION, OR TO NOT OPEN AT ALL.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE STOP ARM NOT PERFORM PROPERLY, A CHILD OR PEDESTRIAN MAY BE ENDANGERED BY PASSING MOTORISTS SHOULD THE MOTORIST NOT STOP AT THE CORRECT LOCATION.

Remedy:

MID BUS WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND REPLACE THE ORIGINAL SWITCH WITH A SWITCH PACK THAT IS NOT SENSITIVE TO EXTREME COLD WEATHER AND WILL INSPECT TO ENSURE THE MICROSWITCH HEATER WIRING IS PROPERLY CONNECTED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MID BUS AT 419-358-2500.

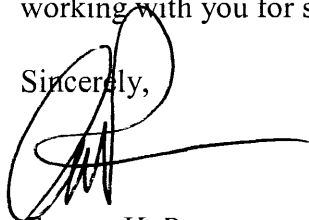
Notes:

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

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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).

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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division