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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215  
05V-322

Subject: I-SHAFT ASSEMBLY CAN DISCONNECT/ZF

Dear MR. HOOGESTRAAT:

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:**

MCI/J4500/2004-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-322

**Recall Date:** July 13, 2005

**Components:**

STEERING:LINKAGES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 156

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTOR COACHES EQUIPPED WITH I-SHAFTS SUPPLIED BY ZF HEAVY DUTY STEERING, THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR A FAILURE OF THE FORK/SHAFT CONNECTION.

**Consequence:**

IF THIS OCCURS, THE VEHICLE COULD SUFFER A LOSS OF STEERING ABILITY, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

MCI, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ZF, INTENDS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR REMEDYING THE DEFECTIVE I-SHAFTS. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MCI AT 1-204-284-5360.

**Notes:**

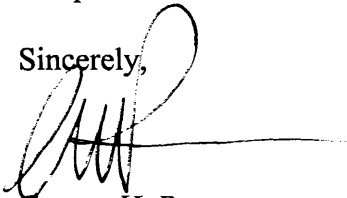
**CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).**

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).

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range [of vehicles] affected by this recall.

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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto: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 flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement