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of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
05V-336

Subject: STOP ARM MALFUNCTIONS

Dear MR. SYKES:

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.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

US BUS/SBCX59/2001-2004  
US BUS/SD/2004  
US BUS/SD/2002  
US BUS/SDX/2003  
US BUS/SDX/2004  
US BUS/SDX/2001  
US BUS/UC/2001  
US BUS/UF/2001  
US BUS/XBC/2002  
US BUS/XUC/2002

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-336

**Recall Date:** July 26, 2005

**Components:**

OTHER:SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 40

**Summary:**

CERTAIN 2001 THROUGH 2004 US BUS SCHOOL BUSES. 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 VEHICLES SHOULD THE MOTORIST NOT STOP AT THE CORRECT LOCATION.

**Remedy:**

US BUS WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND SPECIALTY MFG. WILL PROVIDE FREE OF CHARGE A SERVICE KIT (PART NUMBER 005178) 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 SPECIALTY MFG. AT 800-951-7867 OR US BUS 1-765-939-3984.

**Notes:**

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

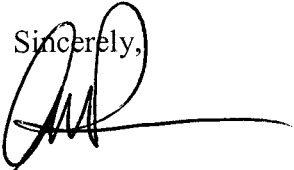
We have completed the review of your proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they meet the requirements of Part 577. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any 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).

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date including month, day, and year when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

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. Should notification to owner begin prior to September 15, 2005, U.S. Bus' first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 2005.

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](mailto:KSCHULER@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