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NVS-215  
05V-358

Subject: HYDRAULIC LINE ROUTING

Dear MR. PFANNENSTIEL:

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:**

OPTIMA/OPUS 29/2002-2005

OPTIMA/OPUS 34/2002-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-358

**Recall Date:** July 22, 2005

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 49

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE HYDRAULIC LINE COMING FROM THE RADIATOR FAN MOTOR TO THE CAC MOTOR IS RUBBING ON THE CHASSIS.

**Consequence:**

THIS RUBBING MAY CAUSE THE HYDRAULIC LINE TO BE RUBBED THROUGH RESULTING IN A LEAK AND A LOSS OF HYDRAULIC FLUID. THIS FLUID COULD IGNITE IF IT COMES IN CONTACT WITH A HOT SOURCE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A P-CLAMP ON THE RADIATOR MOTOR SUPPORT BRACKET THAT HOLDS AND SECURES THE HOSE AWAY FROM THE CHASSIS ELIMINATING THE POSSIBILITY OF CHAFFING. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER'S NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT OPTIMA AT 1-888-391-1777.

**Notes:**

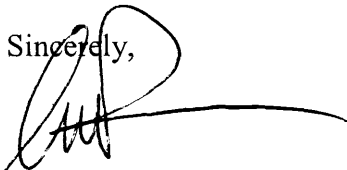
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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

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 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,



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Enforcement