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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

**AUG 19 2005**

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NVS-215kjs  
05V-359

Subject: FMVSS 221/JOINT STRENGTH

Dear MR. GLADOW:

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:**  
COLLINS/BANTAM/2004  
COLLINS/SUPER BANTAM/2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-359

**Recall Date:** August 12, 2005

**Components:**  
STRUCTURE:BODY:ROOF AND PILLARS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 201

**Summary:**  
CERTAIN 2004 MY BANTAM AND SUPER BANTAM SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JULY 2004 AND NOVEMBER 2004. THE AMOUNT OF ADHESIVE APPLIED TO THE ROOF SEAMS IS INADEQUATE FOR THE TYPE OF ADHESIVE USED WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 221, SCHOOL BUS BODY JOINT STRENGTH.

**Consequence:**

TO BE DETERMINED.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL CORRECT THE BUSES BY ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL SCREWS BETWEEN THE CURRENT SCREWS THAT ATTACH THE SEAMS OF THE CEILING SKINS TO THE STRUCTURAL ROOF BOWS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2005. OWNERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE FREE REMEDY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME SHOULD CONTACT COLLINS AT 620-662-9000.

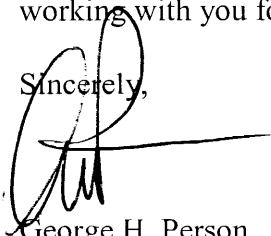
**Notes:**

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).

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](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 line extending to the right.

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