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NVS-215kjs
05V-440

Subject: FMVSS 210 AND 222 - SEAT FASTENERS

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/2005
COLLINS/GRAND BANTAM/2005
COLLINS/SUPER BANTAM/2005
COLLINS/SUPER OMNI/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-440

Mfg's Report Date: September 23, 2005

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 150

Summary:

CERTAIN 2005 COLLINS BANTAM, SUPER BANTAM, AND GRAND BANTAM SCHOOL BUSES AND SUPER OMNI BUSES BUILT BETWEEN AUGUST 1 AND SEPTEMBER 15, 2005. THE FASTENERS SECURING THE SEATS AND THE BARRIERS TO THE WALL TRACK MAY BE INADEQUATELY TIGHTENED WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 210, SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY ANCHORAGES, AND FMVSS NO. 222, SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE SEAT OCCUPANTS MAY NOT BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURIES.

Remedy:

COLLINS WILL NOTIFY THE BUS OWNERS AND REPAIR THE VEHICLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 3, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT COLLINS AT 620-662-9000 OR 800-533-1850 X430.

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).

The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets 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).

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. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on October 3, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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,


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