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NVS-215kjs
05V-472

Subject: FMVSS 221/CEILING JOINT STRENGTH

Dear MR. DERY:

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:
CORBEIL/MINIBUS/2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-472

Mfg's Report Date: October 11, 2005

Components:
STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 245

Summary:
CERTAIN 2004 CORBEIL MINIBUS SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN APRIL 26 AND MAY 21, 2004. AN INADEQUATE QUANTITY OF MAGNOLIA GREEN/EPOXY GLUE WAS USED TO SEAL THE CEILING JOINTS WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 221, SCHOOL BUS BODY JOINT STRENGTH.

Consequence:
IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE CRASH, THE LONGITUDINAL ROOF JOINT COULD HAVE LESS STRENGTH AS REQUIRED BY FMVSS 221, INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY.

Remedy:

CORBEIL WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES BY ADDING ADDITIONAL EPOXY GLUE AND SCREWS TO ENFORCE THE CEILING JOINTS FREE OF CHARGE. CUSTOMERS SHOULD CONTACT CORBEIL AT 450-439-3577.

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).

This recall is the result of an investigation conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, PE-221-050706.

The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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

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. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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