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**National Highway
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NVS-215kjs
05V-517

Subject: FMVSS 121/AIR BRAKE SUPPLY TUBES

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

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:

IC/RESB/2005

IC/RECB/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-517

Mfr's Report Date: November 10, 2005

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 147

Summary:

CERTAIN 2005 IC RESB (PB305) AND RECB (PC305) SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM JULY 20 TO OCTOBER 17, 2005. THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIR SUPPLY TUBES FROM THE FOOT VALVE TO THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIR TANKS WERE REVERSED AT THE TANK WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 121, AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS.

Consequence:

IF THE PRIMARY AIR CIRCUIT IS DAMAGED, THE BRAKES WILL NOT APPLY WHEN THE BRAKE PEDAL IS DEPRESSED, POTENTIALLY CAUSING A VEHICLE CRASH WITHOUT WARNING AND POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

Remedy:

IC WILL NOTIFY THE OWNERS AND INSPECT AND, IF NECESSARY, REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 30, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 05522. 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 except for the following item:

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,



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