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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report (Ref. NHTSA Recall 05E-015 and Inquiry EQ05-005)

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by **IC Corporation**.

(1) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6 (c)(2)]

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - IC Corporation CE School Bus (CESB)
 - IC Corporation FE School Bus (FESB)
 - IC Corporation RE School Bus (RESB)
 - IC Corporation RE Commercial Bus (RECB)

- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:

Model	Start Build Date	End Build Date
CESB	02-04-2003	03-01-2005
FESB	05-10-2004	05-11-2004
RESB	04-20-2004	02-03-2005
RECB	12-02-2002	11-20-2003

- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Buses built at Conway, Arkansas and Tulsa, Oklahoma bus plants
 - With Webasto heater feature codes (49GWX, 0049GDM)
 - Having Webasto heater serial numbers in following list

100265 through 100959	300905 through 302449
194702	400212 through 402002
200040 through 200775	700000 through 704500
219442 through 219545	705501 through 706056
228868 through 229116	707001 through 707498
229716	800000 through 801300
300290	802002 through 802066

(2) **COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6 (c)(2)(iv)]**

- This report relates to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than IC Corporation (Ref. NHTSA 05E-015).
 - Supplier Contact information:
Gary Turner
Webasto Products, North America
15083 North Road
Fenton, MI 48430
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(3) **VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]**

Model	U.S. Quantity
CESB	357
FESB	5
RESB	16
RECB	24
Grand Total	402

(4) **PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]**

- All vehicles in the suspect population **may** contain the defect.

(5) **DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]**

- The stainless steel walls of the burner tubes incorporated into Webasto coolant heaters may be made of a material that is not within specification and may fail prematurely.
- Premature failure may cause combustible materials in or around the vehicle to ignite, possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

(6) **CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]**

- 02/23/2005 IC receives phone call from Webasto advising that they filed a defect letter with NHTSA.
- 03/01/2005 IC receives copy of defect letter sent to NHTSA from Webasto.
- 03/03/2005 International/IC contacts Webasto for additional information. Contact made on 03/04/2005.
- 03/07/2005 International/IC researches part numbers and property codes to determine correct search criteria.
- 03/09/2005 International/IC conducts vehicle search and places all Webasto heaters in stock on hold, as well as all buses with Webasto heaters installed that had not been shipped.
- 03/17/2005 International/IC works with Webasto to determine the nature of the problem leading to the recall by Webasto.
- 03/25/2005 Recall declared.

- (7) *PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*
- All suspect vehicles will have the serial number checked against the suspect list supplied by Webasto. Any heater with a suspect serial number will have the burner tube replaced.
- (8) *PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*
- Because there are vehicles that fall outside the warranty period, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 2/6/2003 applies.
- (9) *SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*
- Part availability is undetermined as of the date of this report. If parts do not become available within 60 days of the date of this report, customers will receive an Interim Notice according to the following schedule:
 - Notify IC Customers by: May 26, 2005
- (10) *RECALL NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]*
- Recall 05509. (NHTSA Ref 05E-015, EQ05-005)

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Very truly yours,



R. L. Van Laar
Compliance Manager