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**Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹**

On May 2, 2005, Mid Bus Incorporated decided that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222 exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: May 3, 2005

Furnish the manufacturer's Identification code for this recall (if applicable): _____ NA

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Mid Bus Incorporated

Bluffton, Ohio

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Penny Duke

Warranty Administration

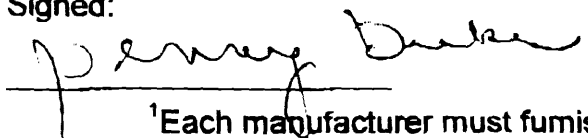
Telephone Number: _____ Fax No.: _____

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Penny Duke

Warranty Administrator

Signed:



¹Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): Guides **Model Years Involved:** 02-05 **Model(s):** Chevy and Fords

Production Dates: Beginning: 2002 **Ending:** April 2005

VIN Range: Beginning: List attached

Vehicle Type: schoolbus **Bodystyle:** Wide and narrow bodies

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Buses in the recall have 24" single person seats in them

Make(s): _____ **Model Years Involved:** _____ **Model(s):** _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** _____

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Make(s): _____ **Model Years Involved:** _____ **Model(s):** _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Vehicles Model	Year	Number of Potentially Involved
DW Guide	2002-2005	46
SW Guide	2002-2005	2

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 48

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100% _____

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

All buses ever built with 24" school bus seat are included in this recall

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

The noncompliance involves a single person school bus seat that measures 24" at the mid point of the seat cushion. This seat is typically located at the rear of the school bus. It can be readily detected with a tape measure.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

We were using the width definition for a single designated seating position of 12.8" and should be bench width divided by 15 as required in FMVSS 222.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The seats in question all have a single seat belt indicating that a single student should set on this seat. It might be possible that someone could set on the 2" width extra of this cushion but now very likely

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

No warning will occur

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Collins Bus Corporation

South Hutchinson, Kansas

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

Bill Wise Engineer Seats

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims. There have been accidents or reports. Collins Bus told us about the issue.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

April 30 CBC notifies MB of the situation

May 2 MB starts finding the population of seats involved

May 2 notification letters start being drafted for the the recall/ Nhtsa notified.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

24" cushions in buses will be replaced with 22" cushions at no charge.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Before the recall the cushion will be 24" wide and after the recall the cushion will be 22" wide.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Starting May, all buses at Bluffton were corrected and 24" cushions thrown away.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

By the 4th week of May, parts will be made for the recall and customer notification will begin
This will be completed by the end of May.
No problems are anticipated.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. A *DRAFT* copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.

Dealer	Customer	Address	City State Zip	Sent Letter	Paid Claim	Card Returned	Shipped Parts	Unit #	Vin #	Color of Seat	Qty
1 Daitoo	STA	38 E. Union St.	Goffstown, NH 03045					22142	1GBHG31FX21194461	Gray	2
2 Daitoo	STA	38 E. Union St.	Goffstown, NH 03045					22143	1GBHG31F021195179	Gray	2
3 Daitoo	Jane M. Wheeler	5 South Main Street	Newton, CT 08470					22144	1GBHG31F021193055	Gray	2
4 Daitoo	Local Motion Inc.	181 North Street	Newton, MA 02460					22145	1GBHG31F21194151	Gray	2
5 Daitoo	Double A Transportation	647 Cromwell Ave.	Rock Hill, CT 08067					22146	1GBHG31F421194701	Gray	2
6 Daitoo								22252	1GBHG31FX21211887	Gray	1
7 Daitoo	Woodstock Board-Education	147 Route 189	Woodstock, CT 06281					22253	1GBHG31F021209548	Gray	1
8 Daitoo	Double A Transportation	647 Cromwell Ave.	Rock Hill, CT 08067					22254	1GBHG31F821209959	Gray	1
9 Daitoo	Worhunsly Corp.	P. O. Box 116 School Street	Pegusabuk, CT 08781					22255	1GBHG31F21209788	Gray	1
10 Daitoo	Double A Transportation	647 Cromwell Ave.	Rock Hill, CT 08067					22256	1GBHG31F721209496	Gray	1
11 Daitoo								22257	1GBHG31F421208256	Gray	1
12 Daitoo	Double A Transportation	647 Cromwell Ave.	Rock Hill, CT 08067					22258	1GBHG31F421212789	Gray	1
13 Southern Ill	South Central Comm	P. O. Box 6 Old Alton Rd.	Winona, MO 65686					23138	1GBJG31R421161502	Gray FB	1
14 Southern Ill	South Central Comm	P. O. Box 6 Old Alton Rd.	Winona, MO 65686					23139	1GBJG31R221161675	Gray FB	1
15 Hurlbigh Bus	North Florida Christian	3030 N. Mendon Rd.	Tallahassee, FL 32312					23616	1GBJG31R321118017	FL Blue	1
16 Hurlbigh Bus	North Florida Christian	3030 N. Mendon Rd.	Tallahassee, FL 32312					23617	1GBJG31F421117957	FL Blue	1
17 One Stop Bus Stop	Richland Springs	703 North Hwy 190	Richland Springs, TX 78871					28132	1GBHG31F721237506	Gray FB BW	2
18 River Bus	Cokesbury UMC	5726 North 5th Ave.	Pensacola, FL 32304					28500	1GBHG31R621243989	Gray	2
19 One Stop Bus Stop	Brazos Valley C.A.A.	504 E. 27th	Bryan, TX 77803					32019	1GBHG31U631119668	Gray FB w/wheel	1
20 One Stop Bus Stop	Brazos Valley C.A.A.	504 E. 27th	Bryan, TX 77803					32020	1GBHG31U831119094	Gray FB w/wheel	1
21 One Stop Bus Stop	Brazos Valley C.A.A.	504 E. 27th	Bryan, TX 77803					32021	1GBHG31U531120154	Gray FB w/wheel	1
22 One Stop Bus Stop	Brazos Valley C.A.A.	504 E. 27th	Bryan, TX 77803					32022	1GBHG31U081120207	Gray FB w/wheel	1
23 One Stop Bus Stop	Brazos Valley C.A.A.	504 E. 27th	Bryan, TX 77803					32036	1GBHG31U931118813	Gray FB w/wheel	1
24 Wollington Body	J & D Inc.	8683 US Highway 522 South	Lewistown, PA 17044					32037	1GDJG31F221229566	Gray FB w/wheel	1
25 One Stop Bus Stop	Brazos Valley C.A.A.	504 E. 27th	Bryan, TX 77803					32038	1GBHG31U831119749	Gray FB w/wheel	1
26 One Stop Bus Stop	Brazos Valley C.A.A.	504 E. 27th	Bryan, TX 77803					32039	1GBHG31U831120844	Gray FB w/wheel	1
27 One Stop Bus Stop	Brazos Valley C.A.A.	504 E. 27th	Bryan, TX 77803					32040	1GBHG31U231120323	Gray FB w/wheel	1
28 Lusseler	1st United Methodist Wky	1151 Eighteenth Street	Plano, TX 75074					33027	1GBJG31U331111681	Gray	1
29 Southern Bus	South Central Comm	P. O. Box 6 Old Alton Rd.	Winona, MO 65686					33181	1GBJG31U131111212	Gray FB	1
30 Southern Bus	South Central Comm	P. O. Box 6 Old Alton Rd.	Winona, MO 65686					33182	1GBJG31U631110780	Gray FB	1
31 Southland Inter	CAA of NE ANV	P. O. Box 1487	Raineyville, AL 35986					33178	1GBJG31U231110070	Gray FB	1
32 Southland Inter	CAA of NE ANV	P. O. Box 1487	Raineyville, AL 35986					33179	1GBJG31U831144076	Gray FB	1
33 Harlows Bus	Sweetwater Co. School Dist	P. O. Box 1089	Rock Springs, WY 82902					33252	1GBJG31U431101171	Gray	1
34 Harlows Bus	Sweetwater Co. School Dist	P. O. Box 1089	Rock Springs, WY 82902					33253	1GBJG31U031160921	Gray	1
35 Harlows Bus	Sweetwater Co. School Dist	P. O. Box 1089	Rock Springs, WY 82902					33254	1GBJG31U731162438	Gray	1
36 Harlows Bus	Sweetwater Co. School Dist	P. O. Box 1089	Rock Springs, WY 82902					33255	1GBJG31U631163841	Gray	1
37 Hoglund	Sioux City CSD	121 Pierce Street	Sioux City, IA 51106					33312	1GBJG31U331167605	Gray	1
38 Hoglund	Sioux City CSD	121 Pierce Street	Sioux City, IA 51106					33313	1GBJG31U131163270	Gray	1
39 One Stop Bus Stop	First Bapt Church of Athens	106 S. Carmel St.	Athens, TX 75751					39548	1GBJG31U031110094	Gray	1
40 Southern Bus	Zion Child Develop Center	107 Carlson Road	St. Louis, MO 83135					39556	1GBJG31U131120177	Gray	1
41 Blue Grass Bus	First Presbyterian Church	330 W. Main St	Richmond, KY 40475					39625	1GBJG31U131122286	Gray	1
42 Blue Grass Bus	Blue Grass Comm Action	Bcx 738 111 Professional Ct	Frankfort, KY 40602					42021	1FDWE35P84HB16097	KY Blue	1
43 Blue Grass Bus	Blue Grass Comm Action	Bcx 738 111 Professional Ct	Frankfort, KY 40602					42022	1FDWE35PX4HB16098	KY Blue	1
44 Harlows Bus	Marysville School District	4220 80th Street NE	Marysville, WA 98270					42075	1GBHG31J441148142	Gray FB	1
45 Blue Grass Bus	KY Baptist Convention	10701 Shelbyville Road	Louisville, KY 40243					48013	1GBHG31J441204726	Gray	1
46 Blue Grass Bus	Central KY Comm. Action	332 Hood Ave	Lebanon, KY 40033					52046	1FDWE35P29HA48560	KY Blue	1
47 Blue Grass Bus	Central KY Comm. Action	332 Hood Ave	Lebanon, KY 40033					52047	1FDWE35P75HA48556	KY Blue	1
48 Daitoo	Town of N. Attleborough	6 Morse Street	North Attleborough, MA 02760					52048	1FDWE35FX5HA51785	KY Blue	1