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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION October 7, 2005

Mrs. Kelly Schuler
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Transportation
Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mrs. Schuler:

U.S. Bus Corporation has determined that a possible noncompliance exists in several buses manufactured by our company, and has initiated a recall of affected vehicles.

Specifically, the rear GAWR and GVWR typed on the vehicle certification labels was in error, thus failing to comply with the requirements of 49CFR567.5.

In order to comply with the customer's passenger capacity requirements, it was necessary for U.S. Bus Corporation to utilize a Ford dual-rear-wheel chassis, and convert it to a single-rear-wheel chassis with a higher rear GAWR and GVWR than currently available from the chassis manufacturer.

It was never our intention to certify these vehicles to a GAWR and/or GVWR higher than the rating of the "weakest link", being tires, axle, or springs. Our intention was to certify the vehicle GAWR and GVWR as follows:

Front: 4300 pounds
Rear: 6084 pounds
Total: 10130 pounds

We accomplished this by installing new tires and rims which comply with the above ratings.

The error, which precipitated this problem, was when our Sales Secretary, who types our certification labels, erroneously typed the data from the Incomplete Vehicle Document, as she was unaware of the tire change and de-rating.

We have already notified the customer and we issued new certification labels to him on September 2, 2005; he is changing them out so that the correct information is displayed. A listing of affected vehicles is enclosed.

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FACTORY

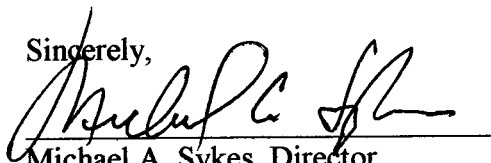
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WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT SMALL BUSES.

Please be aware that this issue is a clerical error, and that a weight analysis was conducted to ensure that actual weights imposed are within the specified limits.

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Sykes", written over a horizontal line.

Michael A. Sykes, Director
Product and Business Development

VEHICLE RECALL LIST
RECALL DESCRIPTION

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RECALL NO.

CERTIFICATION LABELS

NO.	MODEL YEAR	17-DIGIT CHASSIS VEHICLE ID NO.	BODY SERIAL NO.	CUSTOMER	DATE NOTIFIED	PARTS SHIPPED	DATE COMPLETE
001	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00574	UF-A 5303	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
002	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00580	UF-A 5304	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
003	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00564	UF-A 5305	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
004	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00576	UF-A 5306	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
005	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00585	UF-A 5307	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
006	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00543	UF-A 5308	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
007	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00578	UF-A 5309	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
008	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00582	UF-A 5310	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
009	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00569	UF-A 5311	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
010	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00570	UF-A 5312	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
011	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00559	UF-A 5313	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
012	2005	1FDWE25P45HA00547	UF-A 5314	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
013	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07270	UF-A 5486	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
014	2005	1FDWE25P45HA10909	UF-A 5487	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
015	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07285	UF-A 5488	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
016	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07292	UF-A 5489	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
017	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07288	UF-A 5490	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
018	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07289	UF-A 5492	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
019	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07287	UF-A 5493	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
020	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07290	UF-A 5494	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05

VEHICLE RECALL LIST**P. 2 OF 2 RECALL****NO.****RECALL DESCRIPTION****CERTIFICATION LABELS**

NO.	MODEL YEAR	17-DIGIT CHASSIS VEHICLE ID NO.	BODY SERIAL NO.	CUSTOMER	DATE NOTIFIED	PARTS SHIPPED	DATE COMPLETE
021	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07271	UF-A 5500	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
022	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07275	UF-A 5501	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
023	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07279	UF-A 5502	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
024	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07291	UF-A 5503	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
025	2005	1FDWE25P45HA30373	UF-A 5518	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05

026	2005	1FDWE25P45HA30370	UF-A 5519	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
027	2005	1FDWE25P45HA30362	UF-A 5520	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
028	2005	1FDWE25P45HA30354	UF-A 5521	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
029	2005	1FDWE25P45HA30367	UF-A 5522	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05
030	2005	1FDWE25P45HA07293	UF-A 5523	CONSOLIDATED	09-02-05	09-02-05	09-08-05