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RE: Collins Bus Corporation Recall # 05V-192, Seat Cushion Width

Dear Collins Bus Corporation Distributor,

The intent of this letter is to keep you informed of a Safety Recall we are conducting.

Collins Bus Corporation has decided that a noncompliance issue which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in Collins "Bantam", "Super Bantam", or "Grand Bantam" model school bus(es) equipped with 24 inch wide bench-style passenger seats. The 24 inch wide bench-style passenger seats are equipped with a single lap belt to indicate the utilization by a single passenger. According to interpretations of FMVSS 222, these seats should have a seating surface of only 22 inches wide to have a single designated seating position. Because the 24 inch wide cushion is wider than 22 inches, the potential exists for two passengers to be seated in this seat. A second passenger would not have an available seatbelt for restraint and may be injured in a crash.

The remedy of this nonconformance will include replacement of the 24 inch wide seat cushion with a new cushion measuring 22 inches wide at the seating surface. Once the new cushion is installed, the seat will conform to the dimensions of a seat with one designated seating position.

Attached you will find a sample copy of the Owner Notification letter we are sending to the last known owner of the vehicles in question. The replacement of the seat cushion is a simple procedure which the vehicle owner may easily perform. If the owner prefers to not perform this repair, we have instructed the owner to contact a Collins Bus distributor to perform the repair. Should a customer contact you and request such a repair, please contact Collins Bus Customer Service at 1-800-533-1850 for assistance.

Federal Law requires that Collins Bus Corporation advise customers of the procedure to follow in informing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration if the nonconformance is not remedied without charge within a reasonable time after the vehicle is tendered for repair. Customers or distributors may contact Collins Bus Corporation Customer Service at 1-800-533-1850 for assistance. Customers may also report difficulty to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, D.C., 20590, or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We regret the inconvenience this service may cause you. Please be assured that Collins Bus Corporation is striving to build our buses with the best value and safety available. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
COLLINS BUS CORPORATION

Virgil Schremmer
Customer Service Manager