

September 23, 2005



Re **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

Collins Bus Corporation Recall # 05VXXX, Seat Fastener Torque

Dear Collins Bus Corporation Distributor,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Collins Bus Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in your Collins Bus Corporation "Bantam", "Super Bantam", and "Grand Bantam" school bus(es) or "Super Omni" bus(es) built between August 1, 2005 and September 15, 2005.

Reason for This Recall:

Seats and barriers in Collins Bus vehicles are attached to the wall with fasteners that lock into a continuous track on the wall. Nuts secure the seat to bolts protruding from the wall track. The nuts must be tightened to prevent the seat or barrier from moving relative to the vehicle wall in a crash.

On the vehicles in question, the fasteners securing the seats and barriers to the wall track may be inadequately tightened. This may allow the seat or barrier to move relative to the vehicle wall in a crash and compromise passenger crash protection offered by seat belts or the compartmentalization of school bus seating. Seats or barriers which are not adequately anchored to the vehicle wall may compromise FMVSS 210, seat belt assembly anchorages, or FMVSS 222, school bus passenger seating and crash protection.

Vehicles Involved:

Attached please find a list of vehicles shipped to you which have not yet been registered to customers. If you are in possession of these vehicles, please perform repairs as soon as possible. If a customer has taken delivery of a vehicle, please contact the customer and schedule repairs. Some additional customers not included on the list may be contacting you to perform repairs on their vehicles.

Inspection and Repair Procedure:

Rather than determine to what torque each of the seat fasteners were originally installed, all seat and barrier fasteners in the wall track of your vehicle(s) will be tightened to the required torque. A hand-held torque wrench should be used to attain a torque reading of 40 to 45 ft-lbs. for each nut securing the seat or barrier to the wall track. This will insure that any fasteners that were not adequately tightened originally are tightened.

Because this is a relatively simple repair and no service parts are required, we have given the end customer the option of performing the repair if the resources are available. Customers who do not wish to perform this repair have been instructed to contact a Collins Bus Corporation Distributor to arrange vehicle repairs.

If you are in possession of these vehicles, please perform repairs as soon as possible.

Warranty allowance procedures will cover the vehicle service required in this program. If this repair has been performed prior to this Safety Recall Notice, you may be entitled to reimbursement. Please notify Collins Bus Customer Service if this is the case when filing a claim.

Owner Response Postcard:

Enclosed you will find Owner Response Postcards for the vehicle shipped to you which have not yet been registered to customers. If a vehicle has been registered to a customer, the most recent known owner has been sent an Owner Response Postcard(s). Please fill out, or assist the customer in filling out, the appropriate information regarding ownership of the vehicle(s), the Vehicle Identification Number(s) (VIN), and status of the

repairs. The vehicle owner is to sign it and return it to us after completing the card and after any necessary vehicle repairs are complete. This card will also serve as confirmation to Collins Bus for warranty reimbursement.

Change of Address or Ownership:

If you are not current owner of the vehicle, please indicate this on the Owner Response Postcard and return the card to us. If you have leased this vehicle to another party, federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Federal Law requires that we advise you of the procedure to follow in informing the National Highway traffic Safety Administration if the defect is not remedied without charge within a reasonable time after the vehicle is tendered for repair. You may contact Collins Bus Corporation Customer Service at 1-800-533-1850 and we will assist you. You may also report your difficulty to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, D.C., 20590, or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236: (TTY:1-800-424-9153). Or go to [HTTP://www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

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

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