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OFFICE OF DEFECTS  
INVESTIGATION

Customer ID label

Vehicle ID Information Label

Dear U.S. Bus Corporation Customer:

This letter is being sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. U.S. Bus Corporation has decided that certain 2004 and 2005 U.S. Bus school bus models equipped with 30-inch crash barriers forward of seating and/or wheelchair positions fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 222, *School Bus Seating and Crash Protection*.

Certain 30-inch barrier frames were manufactured incorrectly, whereby certain critical welds were not performed in critical locations. In a crash, these crash barriers may fail to perform in compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 222, *School Bus Seating and Crash Protection*. Serious injuries could result to occupants in seating positions immediately to the rear of these barriers.

The remedy for this defect is for our representatives to examine all 30-inch barriers installed in certain 2004 and 2005 U.S. Bus Corporation buses for appropriate welds; in the event that welds are not done to the manufacturer's standards, the manufacturer will:

- 1) Protect all adjacent seating from damage;
- 2) Weld critical barrier frame locations;
- 3) Re-paint barrier frame to prevent corrosion.

All repairs shall be made at no expense to you, our customer. If you have had this repair made previously, you are entitled to reimbursement. Simply notify us of this repair, and include a copy of your receipt.

To assist us in arranging repairs to your vehicle, please return the enclosed Customer Response Form, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope, indicating:

- 1) whether you currently own the vehicle or not;
- 2) if not owned by you, to whom the vehicle was sold;
- 3) physical address where the vehicle is normally located so that our field crew can arrange to repair your vehicle.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience to you for this recall; however, the safety of your passengers is, and must remain, our highest priority.

If you feel that U.S. Bus Corporation has not satisfactorily remedied the defect to your vehicle without charge to you, you may contact:

**ADMINISTRATOR,  
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION  
400 SEVENTH STREET SW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20590**

Or you may call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration toll free at:

1-888-327-4236, tty: (800) 424-9153; or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Questions regarding this recall may be directed to me at (765) 93903984 or, my cell phone at (845) 641-4898.

Thank you for your assistance in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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Michael A. Sykes, Director  
Product Development



CORPORATION

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**CUSTOMER RESPONSE LETTER**  
**RECALL 05V-255**

\_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle ID Label

To: U.S. Bus Corporation  
Re: 30-Inch Barrier Recall

\_\_\_\_\_ YES! I (We) Still own the above-identified vehicle.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Bus \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No! I (We) no longer own this bus. It was sold to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sold: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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