

October 10, 2005



Re: **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

Collins Bus Corporation Recall # 05V-359, Interior Ceiling Joint Strength

Dear Collins Bus Corporation Customer,

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 certain 2004 Collins "Bantam", or "Super Bantam" model school buses with a GVWR less than 10,000 pounds, built between July 2004, and November 2004 fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength".

Reason For This Recall:

Your vehicle has interior ceiling joints that are put together using adhesive and screws. As a result of testing that was done by an outside test lab it was determined that the applicable buses may not have enough joint adhesive at the seams between interior ceiling panels. Lack of adhesive will cause these joints to not pass FMVSS 221 Joint Strength. The result could be that in the event of a crash these joints may come apart and individual interior ceiling skins could cause harm to the occupants of the bus.

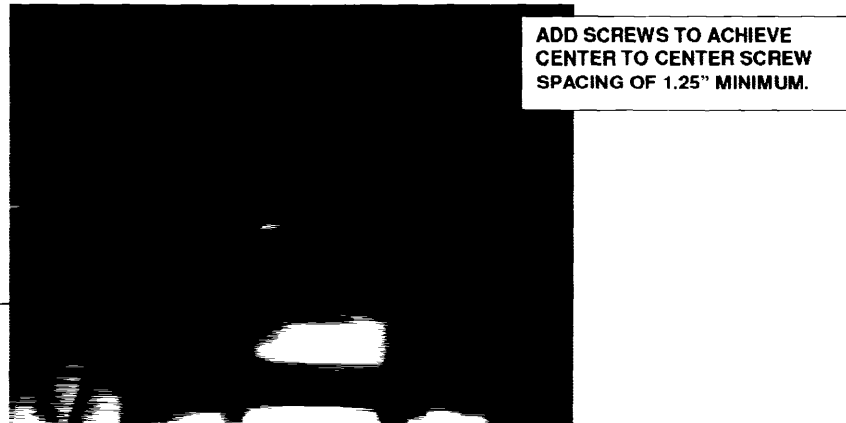
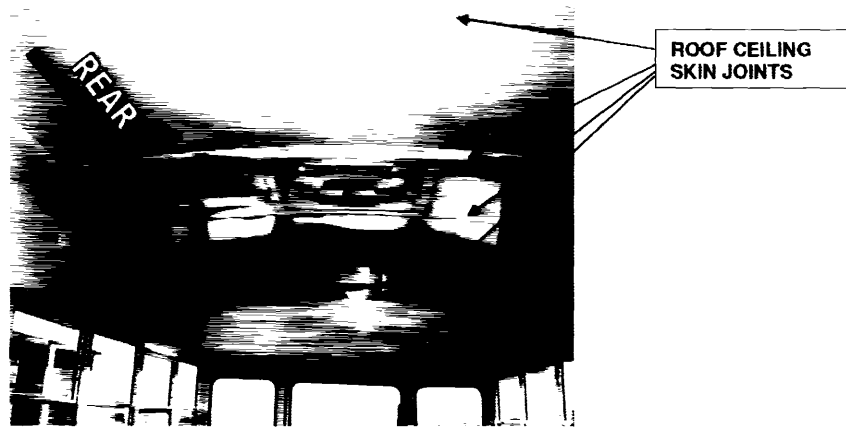
The remedy of this nonconformance will be to install additional screws at the subject joints such that the center-to-center distance of the screws is no more than 1.25 inches. Presently the subject buses will have ceiling joint screws on either 3.75", or 7.5" centers. Screws would be added between these existing screws.

Vehicle Repair Procedure:

The remedy of this nonconformance will be to install additional screws at the subject joints such that the center-to-center distance of the screws is no more than 1.25 inches. The joints run perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the bus and tie one ceiling skin to the adjoining ceiling skin. (See photos below). To obtain additional screws for the interior ceiling joints in your vehicle(s), please contact Collins Bus Customer Service at 1-800-533-1850. The screws will be shipped to you free of charge.

Once you have received the additional screws, install them in the ceiling joints shown in the photos below. The end result is that you will have joint screws on no more than 1.25-inch centers





The addition of these ceiling joint screws is a simple procedure, which you may easily perform. If you would prefer to not perform this repair yourself, you may contact a Collins Bus distributor to perform the repair.

Estimated Repair Time:

Estimated repair time is 30 minutes per bus. 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.

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Owner Response Postcard:

You have been sent an Owner Response Postcard because our records indicate that you are the most recent known owner of this vehicle. If you are the current owner of the vehicle, please fill out the appropriate information and status of the repairs. If the vehicle was inspected and determined to not need repair, please indicate this. Please sign the Owner Response Postcard and return it to us after any necessary vehicle repairs are complete.

Change of Address or Ownership:

If you are not the 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>.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virgil Schremmer", written in a cursive style.

Virgil Schremmer
Customer Service Manager