

September 23, 2005



05V-440

Re **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

Collins Bus Corporation Recall # 05V440, Seat Fastener Torque

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists 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, some of 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.

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.

No service parts are necessary to perform this repair. You may elect to perform this repair yourself if you have the necessary resources. If you do not wish to perform this repair yourself, you may contact a Collins Bus Corporation Distributor to arrange vehicle repairs.

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:

Our records indicate that you are the most recent known owner of the vehicle(s). Enclosed you will find an Owner Response Postcard. Please fill in the appropriate information regarding ownership of the vehicle, the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), and status of the repairs. Please sign it and return it to Collins Bus Corporation after you complete 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 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.

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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>.

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



Customer Service Manager