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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

March 16, 2006

ROB FROELICH
ENGINEERING
GLAVAL BUS A DIVISION
OF FOREST RIVER, INC
914 COUNTY ROAD #1
ELKHART IN 46515-164

NVS-215
06V-071

Subject: SEATS/T-NUT MISSING BEVEL

Dear MR. FROELICH:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

Models and model years to be provided

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-071

Mfg's Report Date: February 27, 2006

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 177

Summary:

ON CERTAIN BUSES EQUIPPED WITH SEAT BELTS, THE T-NUT WHICH HOLDS THE SEAT LEG TO THE FLOOR TRACK IS MISSING MACHINED BEVELS.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, WITHOUT THE BEVELS, THE SHARP EDGE COULD COME THROUGH THE FLOOR TRACK INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY TO SEAT OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH THE NECESSARY PARTS TO REPLACE THE T-NUTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL BEGAN ON MARCH 8, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GLAVAL BUS AT 1-800-445-2825.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S 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 provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Please provide us with the names of the models involved as well as model years.

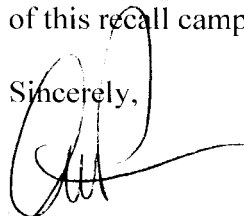
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. However, as stated in your report, mailing to owners began on March 8, 2006, prior to our review. Please be reminded that should Glaval conduct safety recalls in the future, you must have the owner letter approved by us prior to mailing.

Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification began on March 8, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2006.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement