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NVS-215kjs
06V-193

Subject: WHEELCHAIR LIFT

Dear MR. PFISTER:

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:

COLLINS/BANTAM/2005
COLLINS/GRAND BANTAM/2005
COLLINS/SUPER BANTAM/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-193

Mfg's Report Date: May 26, 2006

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 23

Summary:

CERTAIN 2005 BANTAM, SUPER BANTAM, AND GRAND BANTAM SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JUNE 10 AND SEPTEMBER 28, 2005, EQUIPPED WITH RICON MODEL S20005 WHEELCHAIR LIFTS. THE PLATFORM LIFTS MAY HAVE A DEFECT IN THE WELD WHICH WILL ALLOW A JOINT ON THE VERTICAL LIFT TO CRACK.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT THIS CONDITION OCCURS DURING PASSENGER OPERATIONS IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CLOSE THE LIFT DOOR CAUSING THE VEHICLE INTERLOCKS TO REMAIN ENGAGED PREVENTING MOVEMENT OF THE VEHICLE OR THE ABILITY TO LOAD OR UNLOAD PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES FROM THE VEHICLE. THIS MAY RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

RICON IS CONDUCTING THIS RECALL (PLEASE SEE 06E008000) AND WILL REPLACE THE TWO VERTICAL ARMS EVEN IF ONLY ONE ARM IS CRACKED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 16, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT RICON CUSTOMER SUPPORT DEPT. AT 800-322-2884 OR OWNERS MAY CONTACT COLLINS BUS CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-533-1850.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

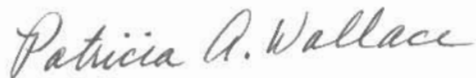
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received Collins Bus' proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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, the recall is expected to begin on June 16, 2006. Since notification to owners will not begin until later in the current calendar quarter, Collins Bus' first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before October 30, 2006.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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