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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215  
06V-207

Subject: TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARM/FRONT AXLE

Dear MR. LABONTE:

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:**  
SETRA/S417/2005-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-207

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 7, 2006

**Components:** SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 84

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTOR COACHES, THE TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARM OF THE FRONT AXLE MIGHT BREAK AS A RESULT OF EXTREME PRESSURE (E.G., DURING A SUDDEN APPLICATION OF THE BRAKES AT THE FINAL STAGE OF THE STOP).

**Consequence:**

THIS CONDITION COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

SETRA TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL CONTACT THE CUSTOMER TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO TEST THE TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARM AND, IF NECESSARY, WILL REPLACE THE TRANSVERSE CONTROL ARM FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JUNE 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SETRA AT 1-800-882-8054.

**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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

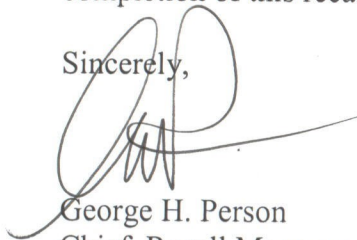
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 is expected to begin during June 2006. Since the end of the quarter is close, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement