



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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350 HAZELHURST ROAD MISSISSAUGA,
ONTARIO CANADA 00 L5T 4T8

NVS-215
06V-211

Subject: ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE

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:

ORION/V/2002-2004
ORION/VI/2002-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-211

Mfg's Report Date: April 4, 2006

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 405

Summary:

ON CERTAIN BUSES EQUIPPED WITH DETROIT DIESEL SERIES 50G ENGINES, HIGHER THAN EXPECTED TEMPERATURES WILL ALLOW THE LOW PRESSURE NATURAL GAS REGULATOR GASKET TO LEAK COOLANT AND DRIP ONTO THE TERMINALS OF THE BATTERY CHARGING ALTERNATOR.

Consequence:

THIS CAN RESULT IN A SHORT IN THE ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT AND THE POTENTIAL FOR AN ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE.

Remedy:

DETROIT DIESEL IS CONDUCTING THE RECALL (PLEASE SEE 06E028000) AND WILL REPAIR THE ENGINES BY REPLACING THE LOW PRESSURE REGULATOR GASKET FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DETROIT DIESEL AT 1-313-592-3708 OR ORION BUS AT 905-403-7832.

Notes:

ORION BUS RECALL NO. DDC#06C03. 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:

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 your report, Detroit Diesel will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Detroit Diesel's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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,



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