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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
06V-374

Subject: FMVSS 222/SEATS MISSING HARDWARE

Dear MR. LINE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance 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:
MID BUS/GUIDE/2001-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-374

Mfg's Report Date: September 18, 2006

Components:
SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 200

Summary:

CERTAIN MY 2001 THROUGH 2006 MID BUS GUIDE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2002, AND MAY 16, 2006, EQUIPPED WITH COLLINS 3 PASSENGER SEATS, FREEDMAN ACTIVITY SEATS, OR UNISTRUT TRACK SEATING WITH 2 PASSENGER SEATS. THE SEATS MAY NOT HAVE HAD THE CORRECT HARDWARE INSTALLED ON THEM WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 222, "SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:

PASSENGERS COULD SUSTAIN SERIOUS INJURIES OR EVEN DEATH IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

MID BUS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HARDWARE ALONG WITH INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MID BUS AT 1-877-358-0655.

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).

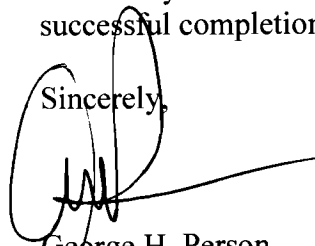
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received Mid 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 during October 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at Kelly.schuler@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