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NVS-215kjs
06V-443

Subject: FMVSS 222/SEAT BARRIERS

Dear MR. SYKES:

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:
US BUS/STURDIBUS/2000-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-443

Mfg's Report Date: November 20, 2006

Components:
SEATS:FRONT ASSEMBLY:HEAD RESTRAINT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 96

Summary:
CERTAIN 2000-2006 U.S. BUS STURDIBUS SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MAY 1, 2000, AND MAY 2, 2006. THE BARRIERS WERE NOT INSTALLED CORRECTLY WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 222, "SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:
IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE CRASH, A PASSENGER'S HEAD COULD BE DEFLECTED INTO AN UNPROTECTED AREA POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURIES.

Remedy:

U.S. BUS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE SEATS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 15, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT U.S. BUS AT 765-939-3984.

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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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. 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).

U.S. Bus must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

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 December 15, 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,



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