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NVS-215paw
06V-458

Subject: TAG AXLE SWING ARM

Dear MR. NALEPKA:

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:
MCI/G4500/2000-2003

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-458

Mfg's Report Date: November 28, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION: FRONT: CONTROL ARM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 493

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT COACHES, THE TAG AXLE SWING ARM CAN BREAK AWAY.

Consequence:

IF THE TAG AXLE SWING ARM CRACKS AND REMAINS UNDETECTED, THE CRACKS CAN SPREAD AND POTENTIALLY RESULT IN A PARTIAL OR TOTAL SEPARATION OF THE TAG AXLE ASSEMBLY FROM THE COACH, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

MCI WILL INSTALL A NEW TAG AXLE SWING ARM TO REPLACE THE EXISTING COMPONENTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCI AT 1-847-285-2085. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS CAMPAIGN SUPERCEDES MCI'S PREVIOUS RECALL (PLEASE SEE 03V411).

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN 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).

This recall was the subject of a Recall Query, RQ06-008, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

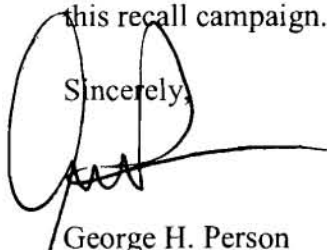
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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 March 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement