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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
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NVS-215kjs  
06V-479

Subject: DRIVER'S SEAT

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect/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:**

IC/CESB/2007-2008  
IC/FESB/2007-2008  
IC/RESB/2006-2008  
IC/BESB/2007-2008  
IC/CECB/2007-2008  
IC/FECB/2007  
IC/RECB/2007  
IC/BECB/2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-479

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 19, 2006

**Components:**  
SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,948

**Summary:**

CERTAIN IC SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN OCTOBER 11, 2005, AND OCTOBER 31, 2006. THESE BUSES HAVE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY ISSUES:

IF THE DRIVER'S SEAT IS IN THE HIGHEST AND MOST REAR POSITION, THE BACK OF THE SEAT MAY LEAN AGAINST A BARRIER BEHIND THE SEAT, OR AGAINST THE SEAT BACK. THIS WILL PREVENT THE SEAT BELT FROM RETRACTING WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 209, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLIES."

WHEN ADJUSTING THE SEAT TO A HIGHER POSITION, THE DRIVER MAY PULL THE SEAT PAST THE LAST STOP SO THAT THE SEAT SITS ON THE ADJUSTING PIN, WHICH ALLOWS THE SEAT TO TEETER ON TOP OF THE PIN. IF OVER-TRAVEL OCCURS, THE UPPER SEAT PEDESTAL TUBE COULD SEPARATE FROM THE LOWER PEDESTAL TUBE DURING VEHICLE OPERATION.

IF THE DRIVER IS SITTING IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND REACHES TO ADJUST THE SEAT HEIGHT, THEIR WEIGHT WILL CAUSE THE SEAT TO DROP, WHICH COULD RESULT IN THEIR HAND BEING PINCHED BETWEEN THE SEAT AND THE LEVER.

THE DRIVER'S SEAT IS DIFFICULT TO ADJUST TO A HIGHER POSITION BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL WEIGHT OF THE ALL BELTS TO SEAT (ABTS) DESIGN.

**Consequence:**

THIS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY.

**Remedy:**

IC WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE SEATS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 14, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT IC AT 1-800-448-7825.

**Notes:**

IC RECALL NO. 06512. 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 defect/noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

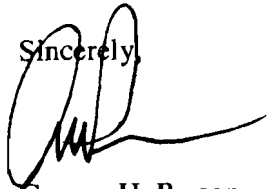
We have received IC's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification

letter(s), are 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 on February 14, 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due 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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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