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Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
06V-480

Subject: TAG AXLE INTERFERENCE- D SERIES

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/D4500/2005
MCI/D4505/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-480

Mfg's Report Date: December 14, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION:REAR;AXLE; NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 75

Summary:

ON CERTAIN D SERIES COACHES, THERE COULD BE A POSSIBLE INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE DRIVE SHAFT MOUNTING HARDWARE AND THE TAG AXLE STRUCTURE.

Consequence:

THE BEARING CAP BOLTS COULD SHEAR, FREEING THE BEARINGS, AND POSSIBLY RELEASING THE DRIVE SHAFT, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

SHIMS WILL BE INSTALLED ABOVE THE TAG AXLE AIR SPRING MOUNTING BRACKETS TO LIMIT THE SUSPENSION TRAVEL. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCI AT 1-800-241-2947.

Notes:

MCI RECALL NO. 276 & 277. 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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. Under the paragraph "Safety Defect," a risk/consequence needs to be added, such as "The bearing cap bolts could shear, freeing the bearings, and possibly releasing the drive shaft, increasing the risk of a crash."

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 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 January 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,



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