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Dear Mr. Wienstien,

Please find our defect and noncompliance report per part 573 for our units manufactured using "T-Nuts", part number BH080334.

Should you have any questions or require further detail please contact us.

Sincerely,

Rob Froelich
Engineering
1-800-445-2824 ext. 3665

Part 573 Defect & Noncompliance Report

1. Name of manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled.

Glaval Bus, A Division of Forest River, Inc.
914 County Road 1 North
Elkhart, Indiana 46514

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2. Identify the vehicle models involved in the recall.

All Glaval models built between September 1, 2005 and January 31, 2006 that contain seat belts.

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

177 units potentially contain defect.

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles to actually contain the defect or noncompliance.

75%

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance.

The "T-Nut" is designed with 1/8" bevels on the upper front and rear edges. This bevel is necessary for the "T-Nut" to remain inside the floor track. This is only used on seats equipped with seatbelts. Without the bevels, the sharp edge comes through the floor track during a pull test, or possibly in an accident.

6. Chronology of events to determine a defect exists.

Glaval bus is currently testing seats for compliance in a new model. We failed one of our tests, and after review, we noticed our "T-Nut" which holds the seat leg to the floor track was missing machined bevels. We checked our stock of parts finding the bevel missing as well. The vendor who manufactures these parts was notified to correct this issue. We removed all stock and notified all relative personnel to check all units on ground. We checked what the received date was for the defective parts to determine date to go back for recall.

7. Remedy for defect.

Glaval Bus will provide at no charge to owners the necessary parts to replace the "T-Nuts", part number BH080334. Parts for the repair are available now.

8. Owner notification will begin March 8th, 2006. Owner notification should be finished by March 27th 2006.