

Mr. Kenneth Wienstien
Associate Administrator Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Mr. Wienstien,

Please find our defect and noncompliance report per part 573 for our units
manufactured using seat belts.

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

Contact:
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2. Identify the vehicle models involved in the recall.

All Glaval models built between March 14th, 2006 and August 2nd, 2006 that contain seat belts may have the defect.

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

127 units potentially contain defect out of 356 produced.

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

36%

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance.

Seats with seat belts may have been bolted to the bus structure incorrectly. The rear wall mount hole should have a 4" "T-Nut" installed. Currently, we suspect the rear wall mount has spring nuts installed instead of 4" "T-Nuts". This only affects seats attached to channel.

6. Chronology of events to determine a defect exists.

August 2nd, engineering was reviewing a prototype seat belt in a bus, and noticed the seats were not installed using proper hardware. After investigating several buses on ground, we found those were also installed incorrectly. All relative personnel were immediately notified to install proper hardware in all buses containing seats with belts on ground. We then checked back to an engineering change notice of when we started using the channel on the wall, which changed the hardware configuration, finding the original start date for the potential problem.

7. Remedy for defect.

Glaval Bus will provide at no charge to owners the necessary parts to correctly fasten the seats to the bus structure. Parts for the repair are available now.

8. Owner notification will begin August 18th, 2006. Owner notification should be finished by August 25th, 2006.