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Dear Patricia,

Please find our defect and noncompliance report per part 573 for our unit manufactured using an incorrectly labeled weight sticker.

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

Sincerely,

Rob Froelich
Design Engineer
1-800-445-2824 ext. 3665

-OR-

John Skelton
Director of Engineering
1-800-445-2824 ext. 3499

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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.

Ford, Universal, 2005.

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

Two

Vehicle 1 VIN: 1FDWE35P94HA69758 (Unit # 4584)
Vehicle 2 VIN: 1FDWE35P84HA58556 (Unit # 4663)

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

100%

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance.

Unit # 4663: Weight rating label was filled in as being rated at 9450 for the rear axle, when the actual weight rating is 8350.
Both Units: Calculated GVW at full capacity exceeds GVWR of the vehicles.

6. Chronology of events to determine a defect exists.

Glaval was contacted by Larsons, end user, who caught the error.

7. Remedy for defect.

Both vehicles have been taken out of service and parked. Glaval Bus has offered to buy back the vehicles, or trade them in for new vehicles that are in compliance. Capacity will be reduced for both vehicles and a new weight-rating label will be installed on the one.

8. The new label will be mailed August 25th, 2006.