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WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT SMALL BUSES.

Mrs. Kelly Schuler
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Transportation
Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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April 25, 2007

Dear Mrs. Schuler:

U.S. Bus Corporation has determined that a noncompliance exists in virtually all buses manufactured by our company through October 23, 2006, and has initiated a recall of affected vehicles.

The noncompliance involves Federal Motor vehicle Safety Standard No. 111, *Rearview Mirrors*. Specifically, the noncompliance involves a label required at Paragraph S9.2(c). U.S. Bus Corporation may have inadvertently obscured this label during installation of the interior rearview mirror, rendering it non-visible to the driver in the normal seated position.

Our remedy for this noncompliance is to send every registered owner of the affected vehicles a letter explaining the noncompliance, a photograph depicting the proper placement of the label, and a replacement label to be affixed to the vehicle, along with a reply card to be sent back to us indicating the work has been completed.

Our proposed customer notification packet is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Sykes, Director
Product and Business Development

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

On APRIL 25, 2007, U.S. BUS CORP. [MFR] decided that ~~(a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)~~ **(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 111)** exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 **Defect and Noncompliance Reports**.

Date this report was prepared: APRIL 25, 2007

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): _____

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

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Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

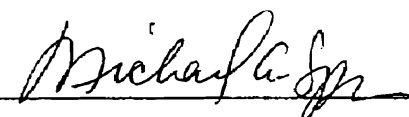
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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

MICHAEL A. SYKES

DIRECTOR OF PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Signed: 

¹Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

1998 -
Make(s): U.S. BUS Model Years Involved: 2006 Model(s): UNIVERSE, STURDIBUS,

Production Dates: Beginning: 1998 Ending: 10/23/06

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: BUS Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): U.S. BUS Model Years Involved: 1998-2006 Model(s): UNIVERSE, STURDIBUS

Production Dates: Beginning: 1998 Ending: 10/23/06

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: SCHOOL BUS Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

VEHICLES NOT INCLUDED IN THE RECALL DO NOT HAVE
CROSSVIEW MIRRORS

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

100%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
	1998	72
	1999	348
	2000	485
	2001	429
	2002	494
	2003	485
	2004	600
	2005	545
	2006	558
Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:		4019

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

POTENTIALLY, ALL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BY U.S. BUI CORPORATION ARE INVOLVED
IN THIS RECALL

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the ~~defect or noncompliance~~. The description should address the nature and physical location of the ~~defect or noncompliance~~. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

571.211 S 9.3 (c) LABEL INSTALLED ON FRONT HEADER

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

ABOVE STANDARD REQUIRES A LABEL EXPLAINING MIRROR USE BE INSTALLED "VISIBLE TO THE SEATED DRIVER". U.S. BUS CORPORATION INADVERTENTLY INSTALLED REARVIEW MIRROR IN A POSITION WHICH, DEPENDING ON DRIVER SIZE AND MIRROR ADJUSTMENT, COULD BLOCK THE DRIVER'S VIEW OF THIS LABEL.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

UNTRAINED DRIVER COULD POSSIBLY RELY ON CROSSVIEW MIRRORS TO VIEW AREAS TO THE SIDES AND REAR OF BUS.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

NONE - NOT APPLICABLE

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

NOT APPLICABLE

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier: