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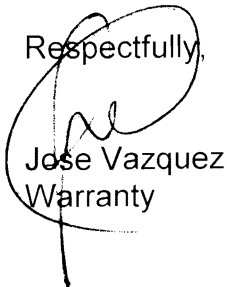
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
Attention: Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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In accordance with CFR 49 Part 573, Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided on behalf of US Bus Corporation (the Original manufacturer) that a non compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 111 "*Rear View Mirror*" exist with all Universe and Sturdibus School buses manufactured between January 1, 1998 and October 23, 2006.

This report was e-mailed to NHTSA on November 11, 2009 to RMD.ODI@dot.gov In addition, via UPS.

If there are any questions regarding the information I have submitted, please contact me at 845-988-0419.

Respectfully,



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**PART 573 Defects and Noncompliance
Noncompliance Report
Revised**

Report Date: November 9, 2009

I.

Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided to conduct recall # **06V-416** on behalf of US Bus Corporation (the Original manufacturer). US Bus Corporation on April 25, 2007 decided that a non compliance exist with all Universe and Sturdibus School buses manufactured between January 1, 1998 and October 23, 2006.

The noncompliance involves Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 111 "Rear View Mirror". Specifically, the non-compliance involves a label required in Paragraph S9.2 (C), which US Bus Corporation inadvertently obscured the label during installation of the interior rearview mirror, rendering it non- visible to the driver in the normal seated position.

Vehicles not involved in the recall:

Vehicles not included in the recall have the Crossover mirror instruction label installed and is located in a visible position to a seated driver.

Vehicles involved in the recall:

1998-2006 US Bus Corporation Universe and Sturdibus School Buses.

II.

Approximate percentage of the total of vehicles estimated to actually contain the noncompliance:

100%

Original vehicle population as of April 25, 2007:

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles involved
	1998	72
	1999	348
	2000	488
	2001	429
	2002	494
	2003	485
	2004	600
	2005	545
	2006	558

Total: 4019





Identify and describe how the original recall population was determined:

According to US Bus Corporation records, it was on October 23, 2006 that a noncompliance was discovered. The noncompliance involves Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 111 "*Rear View Mirror*". Specifically the involving a label required in Paragraph S9.3c. Which states that if a vehicle is equipped with a mirror in compliance with Paragraph S9.3a, then the vehicle shall have a label visible to a seated driver that reads, **"USE CROSS VIEW MIRRORS TO VIEW PEDESTRIANS WHILE BUS IS STOPPED" DO NOT USE MIRRORS TO VIEW TRAFFIC WHILE BUS IS MOVING. IMAGES IN SUCH MIRRORS DO NOT ACCURATELY SHOW ANOTHER VEHICLE'S LOCATION** " US Bus Corporation had inadvertently obscured this label during installation of the interior rearview mirror, rendering it non-visible to the driver in a seated position. It was the decision of US Bus Corporation to include the total number of vehicles produced from January 1 1998, which marked the date they opened for production until October 23, 2006.

III.

Describe the Noncompliance:

The noncompliance involves FMVS 111 "*Rear View Mirror*" Paragraph S9.3C. the label required by FMVS 111. Which requires that a label explaining the use of Cross mirrors be installed "*Visible to a seated Driver*" US Bus Corporation inadvertently installed the rearview mirror in a position that depending on the driver's size and mirror adjustment could block the driver's view of the required label.

Describe the consequence of the Noncompliance:

In the event that an untrained driver is operating the vehicle, it would be possible that the driver may use the cross view mirrors improperly and attempt to view rearward, down the sides of the bus while in motion. This would be an improper use of the mirrors and could result in personal injury or even death to pedestrians.

Identify any warning, which can (A) Precede or (B) Occur:

There are no warnings. Vehicles must be physically inspected for the location of the label.

IV.





With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined:

October 23, 2006- US Bus Corporation reviewed their release procedures and compliance standards and discovered that the location of the required instruction label for the cross view mirrors was in noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Standard No. 111 "*Rear View Mirrors*". The label had been installed on the front header and was inadvertently obscured from a seated driver with the installation of the rear view mirror.

April 25, 2007- US Bus Corporation Decided that a noncompliance existed with Virtually all Sturdibus and Universe School buses the company manufactured from the being of production on January 1, 1998 thru October 23, 2006 the date that the noncompliance was discovered and corrected. US Bus Corporation submitted their 573-noncompliance report to NHTSA and Recall number **06V-416** was assigned to the recall.

October 19, 2009- Transportation Collaborative Inc. decided to conduct recall number **06V-416**, which pertains to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 111 "*Rear View Mirrors*" on behalf of US Bus Corporation.

V.

Identify the remedy:

Transportation Collaborative Inc will notify the owners of the affected vehicles and dealers that sold the vehicles on behalf of US Bus Corporation. Owners and dealers will be required to inspect the vehicles for the noncompliance. FMVS No. 111 "Rear View Mirrors". They will be asked to inspect and report on the location of the label required by the regulation. Along with the notifications letters customers will be supplied with replacement labels and instructions as to where and how to install the cross mirror label. Instructions supplied to the customers will describe the distinguishing characteristics of the noncompliance versus a vehicle that is within compliance of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 111 "Rear View Mirrors". A vehicle that has the label installed in an area that is completely visible to a seated driver will not require the replacement label. Any vehicle that has an obstruction and or cannot be read by a seated driver will require replacement and repositioning of the label. The Remedy will require that the newly supplied label be installed to the left of the driver's steering wheel on the vehicle dash.

Any cost incurred to the owners ,purchasers and dealers of Vehicles affected by recall number 06V-416 will be reimbursed by Transportation Collaborative Inc. on behalf of US Bus Corporation within a reasonable time of the notifications. Transportation Collaborative Inc. reimburses customers and dealers within 30days of the remedy.





According to US Bus Corporation records, new guidelines were put in place before units could be released to prevent the noncompliance with FMVS No.111 from reoccurring. The guidelines included employee training and relocating the position of the label from behind the rear view mirror on the front header to above the rear view mirror on the front header.

VI.

Recall Schedule:

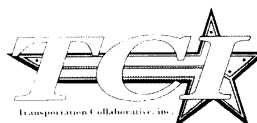
Upon approval of this report , TCI Will begin to notify customers on Behalf of US Bus Corporation by issuing Notification letters to the dealers and customers along with labels and inspection/ installation instructions no later then **November 23,2009**.

All questions regarding this recall should be addressed to:

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