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Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Collins Bus Corporation is submitting information relating to a safety recall we are conducting. Specific information is as follows:

573.6(b)(1)

This is the fifth quarter report regarding Recall Number **06V-193**.

573.6(b)(2)

The initial notification began and completed June 22, 2006 by certified mail.

573.6(b)(3)

The recall involves 23 (twenty three) Collins school buses manufactured between June 10th, 2005 and September 28th, 2005 at the South Hutchinson, Kansas assembly plant. The vehicles are identified as "Bantam", "Super Bantam" or "Grand Bantam" school bus models equipped with Model S20005 wheelchair lifts manufactured by the Ricon Corporation which may potentially contain a defect. The potential defect is the result of a welding process that may not have achieved full penetration along the seam of the weld. Through testing and analysis Ricon has determined that weld with less than full penetration will exhibit signs of cracking along the exterior portion of the vertical arm (s). This will be most visible when the lift is in the stowed position since this is when the weld joint is in tension. Signs of cracking may not be visible when the platform is at floor level or below or is occupied because the weld joint is in compression at this time. Ricon is not certain how many cycles it takes for the problem to surface. However, once a weld joint cracks, the lift will become difficult to stow or deploy. During these operations the lift will typically twist to one side and often hit the door frame of the vehicle. When stowed, the lift will typically lean into the vehicle more than normal. Both conditions are easily noticed by a driver or attendant.

573.6(b)(4)

To date, we have received confirmation that 16 (sixteen) busses have been inspected and no cracks found. No buses have been repaired and 6 (six) buses have not yet been inspected.

573.6(b)(5)

To date, we have determined no buses to be unreachable for inspection.

Should you need further information, my contact information is as follows:

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Sincerely,
COLLINS BUS CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Gladow". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Steve Gladow
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