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NVS-215kjs
07E-042

Subject: FMVSS 217/WINDOW DE-BONDING

Dear MR. MACPHAIL-FAUSEY:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MCI/D4005/2006-2007
MCI/D4500/2006-2007
MCI/D4000/2006-2007
MCI/D4505/2006-2007
DURA/V400Q3R/9999
DURA/V390Q3/9999
DURA/V371Q3R/9999
DURA/V371Q3L/9999
DURA/V370Q3R/9999
DURA/V369Q3/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07E-042

Mfg's Report Date: June 19, 2007

Components:

VISIBILITY:GLASS, SIDE/REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,284

Summary:

CERTAIN DURA SIDE BODY EGRESS WINDOWS, SIDE BODY LAVATORY EGRESS WINDOWS, AND NON-EGRESS SIDE BODY WINDOWS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2005, AND OCTOBER 31, 2005, ARE SUBJECT TO RECALL WITH CONTINUED OBSERVATION OF WINDOWS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1, 2005, AND JULY 19, 2006, ALL AS INSTALLED AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT ON CERTAIN MY 2006 AND 2007 MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES (MCI) D COACHES. THE WINDOWS WERE PRODUCED WITH INCONSISTENT PRIMING ON THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY BOND LINES WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 217, "BUS EMERGENCY EXITS AND WINDOW RETENTION AND RELEASE."

Consequence:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STANDARD IS TO MINIMIZE THE LIKELIHOOD OF OCCUPANTS BEING THROWN FROM THE BUS AND TO PROVIDE A MEANS OF READILY ACCESSIBLE EMERGENCY EGRESS.

Remedy:

MCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS INSTRUCTING THEM TO INSPECT THE WINDOWS FOR SIGNS OF WATER LEAK, WIND NOISE, OR VISABLE PARTIAL DE-BONDING. WINDOWS SHOWING THESE SIGNS WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE BY DURA. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT DURA AT 248-844-1615.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

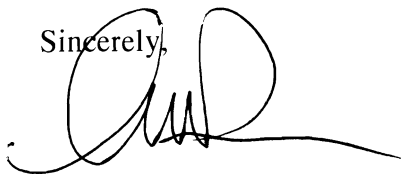
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KELLY.SCHULER@DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

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