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NVS-215dgl
07V-096

Subject: STEERING BOX BRACKET SUPPORT

Dear MR. NALEPKA:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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/G4500/2001-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-096

Mfg's Report Date: March 2 and 13, 2007

Components: STEERING: GEAR BOX (OTHER THAN RACK AND PINION)

Potential Number of Units Affected: 518

Summary:

ON CERTAIN BUSES, A WELD JOINING A GUSSET SUPPORT FROM THE FRONT BOGIE LEG TO THE STEERING BOX MOUNTING PLATE CAN CRACK.

Consequence:

THIS CAN ALLOW ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT OF THE MOUNTING PLATE IN DRY STEER APPLICATIONS AND AT THE EXTREME OUTWARD STEERING POSITIONS INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL AN ADDITIONAL GUSSET TO THESE ASSEMBLIES AND REWELD AS REQUIRED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MOTOR COACH AT 1-800-241-2947.

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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE06-051, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

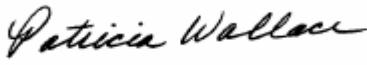
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during March 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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