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NVS-215kjs
07V-155

Subject: FMVSS 210/WALL AND FLOOR MOUNTING BOLTS

Dear MR. SYKES:

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:

US BUS/STURDIBUS/2003-2006
US BUS/STURDIBUS/2001
US BUS/STURDIVAN/2000
US BUS/UNIVERSE/2003-2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-155

Mfg's Report Date: April 8, 2007

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 106

Summary:

CERTAIN U.S. BUS STURDIBUS, STURDIVAN, AND UNIVERSE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MAY 1, 2000, AND MAY 2, 2006. IN A CRASH, THE WALL AND FLOOR MOUNTING BOLTS CAN PULL THROUGH THE SUPPORTING STEEL WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 210, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY ANCHORAGES."

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH, THE MOUNTING BOLTS COULD FAIL TO RETAIN THE SEAT, ALLOWING THE PASSENGER TO BE THROWN FORWARD, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURIES.

Remedy:

U.S. BUS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT U.S. BUS AT 765-939-3984.

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).

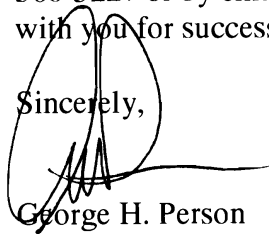
This recall is the result of an investigation, PE-222-070329, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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).

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, the recall is expected to begin during April 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

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,


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