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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
07V-206

Subject: AIR DRYER MALFUNCTIONS/GRAHAM WHITE

Dear MR. JOHNSON:

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:

NABI/OPTIMA OPUS/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-206

Mfg's Report Date: May 7, 2007

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 85

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH GRAHAM-WHITE AIR DRYERS, THE AIR DRYER TIMER MODULES MAY ALLOW SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF MOISTURE TO ENTER AND AFFECT THE OPERATION OF THE VEHICLE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM DUE TO MOISTURE COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

NABI, IN CONJUNCTION WITH GRAHAM-WHITE, WILL REPLACE THE AIR DRYER TIMER MODULE ON THE AFFECTED VEHICLES. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NABI AT 1-256-831-4296 OR GRAHAM-WHITE AT 540-387-5620.

Notes:

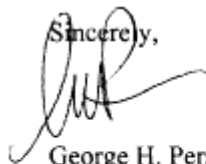
NABI RECALL NO. OP 2007-01. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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

Federal law requires that the vehicle manufacturer notify owners, dealers and distributors about the defect and offer a free remedy as well as other things. Also, manufacturers are required to submit a draft of their owner notification letter to the Recall Management Division at least 5 days prior to mailing it to owners, and to submit a representative copy of any communication about the recall that is sent to more than one owner, dealer or distributor within 5 days of mailing it. The owner notification must be mailed to current registered owners using State motor vehicle registration records, or, if State registration records fail to yield a usable address, to the most recent owner known to the manufacturer.

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 June 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 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,


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