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NVS-215kjs
07V-223

Subject: FMVSS 404/INTERMOTIVE INTERLOCK DEVICE

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/2006-2007
US BUS/UNIVERSE/2006-2007
US BUS/SAFE TRAN/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-223

Mfg's Report Date: May 15, 2007

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 89

Summary:

CERTAIN MY 2006 AND 2007 U.S. BUS STURDIBUS AND UNIVERSE SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED WITH AN INTERMOTIVE LIFT INTERLOCK DEVICE MODULE MANUFACTURED BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 2006, AND MAY 9, 2007. WHEN THE VEHICLE BATTERY VOLTAGE DROPS TO 7.5 VOLTS, THE MODULE MAY GO TO A FAULT MODE AND NOT LOCK THE SHIFTER IN PARK WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 404, "PLATFORM LIFT INSTALLATIONS IN MOTOR VEHICLES."

Consequence:

THE VEHICLE MAY BE MOVED WITH THE LIFT DEPLOYED AND COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH TO THE LIFT OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

U.S. BUS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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 June 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.