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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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COMPLIANCE AND SAFETY OFFICER  
DAIMLERCHRYSLER COMMERCIAL BUSES  
NORTH AMERICA INC.  
350 HAZELHURST ROAD  
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA 00 L5J 4T8

NVS-215dgl  
07V-326

Subject: EXHAUST ELBOW

Dear MR. LABONTE:

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:**  
ORION/VII/2004-2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-326

**Mfg's Report Date:** July 18, 2007

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 96

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES BUILT WITH CUMMINS ISL ENGINES, THE EXHAUST ELBOW WAS INCORRECTLY ASSEMBLED AND WELDED DURING PRODUCTION. THE UPPER FLANGE HAS A BUTT TYPE WELD INSTEAD OF A FILLET TYPE WELD.

**Consequence:**

AN EXHAUST SYSTEM THAT IS NOT MAINTAINED TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO LEAKING SECTIONS CAN CAUSE HEAT DAMAGE TO SURROUNDING COMPONENTS INCREASING THE RISK OF A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

OWNERS WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXHAUST ELBOW. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ORION AT 1-800-716-7466.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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:

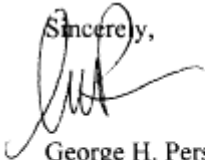
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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

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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@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