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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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

NVS-215dgl
07V-379

Subject: UCM WIRING HARNESS/CUMMINS

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
ORION/VII/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-379

Mfg's Report Date: August 27, 2007

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 71

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH CUMMINS ENGINES CONFIGURED WITH DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTERS (DPF) AND ULTRA COMPACT MODULES (UCM), THE UCM MAY FAIL. THE UCM IS LOCATED IN A WIRING HARNESS INSIDE THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT ON THE CURB SIDE.

Consequence:

THE ENGINE MAY STALL AND THE UCM MAY FAIL CAUSING A FIRE.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND PARTS TO REPLACE THE 5 AMP CIRCUIT BREAKER WITH A 2 AMP FUSE TO MITIGATE THE FAILURE OF THE UCM FROM SUBSEQUENTLY CAUSING A FIRE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DCBUSNA/ORION BUS AT 905-403-7832.

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:

Pleased 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).

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at 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