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NVS-215kjs
07V-447

Subject: PARKING BRAKE DROP HOSE ROUTING

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

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:

IC/FESB/2008
IC/FECB/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-447

Mfg's Report Date: September 21, 2007

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:HOSE, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 294

Summary:

CERTAIN IC SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MARCH 29 AND AUGUST 28, 2007. THE ROUTING OF THE SERVICE AND PARKING BRAKE RUBBER DROP HOSES TO THE REAR AXLE'S BRAKE COMPONENTS MAY BRING THEM TOO CLOSE TO THE EXHAUST TAIL PIPE.

Consequence:

THE RUBBER HOSES MAY MELT IF ROUTED TOO CLOSE TO THE TAIL PIPE CAUSING EITHER OF THE TWO POSSIBILITIES: 1) AN AIR LEAK ON THE PARKING BRAKE HOSE MAY CAUSE THE PARKING BRAKES TO SLOWLY APPLY WHILE DEPLETING BOTH THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY AIR CIRCUITS. EVEN THOUGH THE AIR PRESSURE GAUGE AND LOW AIR PRESSURE WARNING BUZZER WOULD SOUND, THESE CONDITIONS COULD CAUSE THE BUS TO SLOW DOWN OR STOP UNEXPECTEDLY WHICH MAY RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH. 2) AN AIR LEAK ON THE SERVICE BRAKE HOSE MAY RESULT IN EXTENDED STOPPING DISTANCES WHILE ALSO DEPLETING THE PRIMARY AIR TANK POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE RUBBER BRAKE HOSES TO DETERMINE THEIR PROXIMITY TO THE TAIL PIPE. ANY HOSE FOUND TO BE CLOSER THAN 4" WILL BE REPLACED AND BOTH HOSES WILL THEN BE RE-ROUTED TO ENSURE PROPER DISTANCE FROM THE TAIL PIPE. THE INSPECTION AND REPAIR WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 16, 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT IC CORPORATION AT 1-800-843-5615 OR INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 07513. 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).

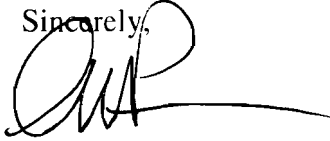
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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. The first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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