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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
07V-493

Subject: ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM MODULE/FMVSS 108

Dear MR. DETTMAN:

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/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-493 **Mfg's Report Date:** October 17, 2007

Components:
EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 137

Summary:

CERTAIN MY 2007 US BUS STURDIBUS SCHOOL OR ACTIVITY BUSES SINGLE AND DUAL REAR WHEEL MODELS BUILT ON THE GMT 610 CHEVROLET EXPRESS CHASSIS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2006, AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2007, FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT." WHEN THE BRAKES ARE APPLIED, THE STOP LAMPS WILL ILLUMINATE. WHEN THE BRAKE PEDAL IS RELEASED, THE STOP LAMPS ARE NO LONGER ILLUMINATED BUT THE REAR BRAKES MAY STILL BE APPLIED. THE BRAKE MAY RELEASE AFTER A FEW SECONDS OR AFTER THE NEXT FIRM BRAKE PEDAL APPLICATION.

Consequence:

IF THE REAR BRAKES ARE STILL APPLIED AFTER RELEASE OF THE BRAKE PEDAL, THE DRIVER MAY NOTICE A SUBSTANTIAL DRAG WHEN DRIVING AND MAY NEED TO DEPRESS THE GAS PEDAL FURTHER THAN USUAL TO CONTINUE VEHICLE MOVEMENT. A VEHICLE DRIVEN WITH THE BRAKES APPLIED CAN CAUSE OVERHEATING OF THE BRAKES, RESULTING IN INCREASED STOPPING DISTANCE WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

GENERAL MOTORS IS WORKING WITH US BUS TO NOTIFY ITS OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL REPROGRAM THE ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEM MODULE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CHEVROLET AT 1-800-630-2438 OR GMC AT 1-866-996-9643 OR US BUS AT 574-855-2019.

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).

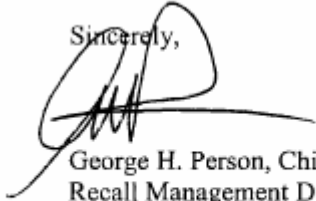
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KELLY.SCHULER@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 line extending to the right.

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