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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
Attention: Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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In accordance with CFR 49 Part 573, Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided on behalf of US Bus Corporation (the Original manufacturer) to conduct this recall which pertains to a non compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 "*Tire Selection and Rims*" exist with certain US Bus Universe and Sturdibus School buses manufactured between September 1, 2005 and September 1, 2006.

This report was e-mailed to NHTSA on November 11, 2009 to RMD.ODI@dot.gov In addition, via UPS.

If there are any questions regarding the information I have submitted, please contact me at 845-988-0419.

Respectfully



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**PART 573 Defects and Noncompliance
Noncompliance Report
Revised**

Report Date: November 11, 2009

I.

Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided to conduct recall # **07V-056** on behalf of US Bus Corporation (the Original manufacturer). US Bus Corporation on February 12 ,2007 decided that a non compliance exist with Certain I Universe and Sturdibus School buses manufactured between September 1, 2005 and September 1 ,2006 that have a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less.

The noncompliance involves Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 "*Tire Selection and Rims*". Specifically, the non-compliance involves a label required by the regulation, which US Bus Corporation failed to affix to the vehicle. The label specifies the tires and payload (passenger) capacity on the vehicle.

Vehicles not involved in the recall:

Vehicles not included in the recall have the required label affixed to the Driver door B pillar. Vehicle manufactured by US Bus Corporation after September 1, 2006 do not require the recall specified in this report.

Vehicles involved in the recall:

Certain 2005 thru 2006 US Bus Corporation Universe and Sturdibus School Buses with a GVRW of 10,000 pounds or less.

II.

Approximate percentage of the total of vehicles estimated to actually contain the noncompliance:

100%

Original Vehicle Population as of February 12, 2007:

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles involved
Sturdibus & Universe	2005	33
	2006	89
		Total: <u>122</u>





Approximate percentage of the total of vehicles estimated to actually contain the noncompliance (Revised as of November 10, 2009):

100%

Revised Vehicle Population as November 10, 2009:

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles involved
Sturdibus & Universe	2005	29
	2006	82
		Total <u>111</u>

Identify and describe how the original recall population was determined:

According to US Bus Corporation records, on February 12, 2007 US Bus Corporation decided that a noncompliance existed on certain 2005 and 2006 School buses manufactured between September 1, 2005 and September 1, 2006. The noncompliance involves Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 *"Tire Selection and Rims"*. Specifically, involving a label required by the standard, which provides the driver and owner of the vehicle the proper information regarding tire and load information. US Bus Corporation determined the vehicles involved by reviewing their release procedures and interviewing personnel to assure that the labels were being affixed to the vehicles.

Identify and describe how the revised recall population was determined:

Transportation Collaborative Inc. reviewed US Bus Corporation records and response cards from customers that completed the recall, in order to validate the recall population. The total number of units completed for 2005 units is four and the total number of units completed for 2006 is seven.

III.

Describe the Noncompliance:

The noncompliance involves FMVS 110 "Tire Selection and Rims" which requires that a label be affixed to the vehicle explaining the proper payload (passenger) capacity and tire/ rims size for vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less. Without this label the customer and driver lack the proper information needed to select the appropriate tires and payload limitations of the vehicle they are operating. US Bus Corporation either omitted or failed to affix the vehicle with the proper label as required by FMVS 110.

Describe the consequence of the Noncompliance:





With out the tire and Load Label, the customer or driver lack the proper information needed to select the appropriate tires and payload limitations. With out this information, it would be possible to overload the vehicle, which could affect the vehicle handling and cause a crash. In the event of a vehicle crash, the occupants and or pedestrians can experience personal injury or even death.

Identify any warning, which can (A) Precede or (B) Occur:

There are no warnings. Vehicles must be physically inspected for the location of the label.

IV.

With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined:

On or before September 28, 2005 - NHTSA notified US Bus Corporation that they were investigating a 2005 US Bus model Universe School Bus sold to Consolidated Bus Transit (VIN # 1GBHG31V561226021). The notice stated that NHTSA had found the vehicle to be noncompliant with FMVS 120 "*Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles other than Passenger Cars*". Which States : " the sum of the maximum load rating on the tires fitted to an axle shall be not less then the gross axle weight rating (GAWR) of the axle system as specified on vehicle's certification labels required by 49 CFR 567. It was due to this notice that US Bus Corporation prompted their investigation regarding a noncompliance with FMVS 110.

February 12, 2007- US Bus Corporation Decided that a noncompliance existed with Certain Sturdibus and Universe School buses the company manufactured from the being of production on September 1, 2005 thru September 1, 2006 the date that the noncompliance was discovered and corrected. US Bus Corporation submitted their 573-noncompliance report to NHTSA and Recall number **07V-056** was assigned to the recall.

October 19, 2009- Transportation Collaborative Inc. decided to conduct recall number **07V-056**, which pertains to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 "*Tire Selection and Rims*" on behalf of US Bus Corporation.

V.

Identify the remedy:

Transportation Collaborative Inc will notify the owners of the affected vehicles and dealers that sold the vehicles on behalf of US Bus Corporation. Owners and dealers will be required to inspect the vehicles for the noncompliance. FMVS No. 110 "*Tire Selection and Rims*". They will be asked to inspect the driver door B pillar and report on the weight





of the vehicle as required by the regulation. Along with the notifications letters customers will be supplied with replacement labels and instructions as to where and how to install the tire and load decal.

Instructions supplied to the customers will describe the distinguishing characteristics of the noncompliance versus a vehicle that is within compliance of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 "Tire Selection and Rims". A vehicle that has a GVRW of 10,000 pounds or less and has the label installed on the drivers door B pillar will not require the replacement label. Any vehicle that meets the standard guidelines and does not have a label affixed with be required to fill out a response card reporting their findings to Transportation Collaborative Inc. and a new label will be supplied to the customer at no cost.

Any cost incurred to the owners ,purchasers and dealers of Vehicles affected by recall number 07V-056 will be reimbursed by Transportation Collaborative Inc. on behalf of US Bus Corporation within a reasonable time of the notifications. Transportation Collaborative Inc. reimburses customers and dealers within 30days of the remedy.

According to US Bus Corporation records, new guidelines were put in place before units could be released to prevent the noncompliance with FMVS No.110 from reoccurring. The guidelines included employee training about the standard and were to install label on the vehicles.

VI.

Recall Schedule:

Upon approval of this report , TCI Will begin to notify customers on Behalf of US Bus Corporation by issuing Notification letters to the dealers and customers along with labels and inspection/ installation instructions no later then **November 23,2009**.

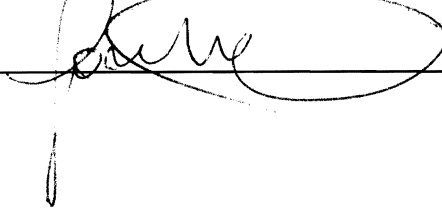
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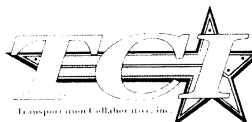
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