

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles  
**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report**<sup>3</sup>

On FEBRUARY 12, <sup>2007</sup>~~2001~~, VS BUS CORP. [MFR] decided that ~~(a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)~~ (a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110) exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: FEBRUARY 13, 2007

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

U.S. BUS CORPORATION

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

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<sup>3</sup>Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

**I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall**

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): U.S. BUS Model Years Involved: 2005, 2006 Model(s): UNIVERSE, STURDIBUS

Production Dates: Beginning: SEPT 1, 2005 Ending: SEPT 1, 2006

VIN Range: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Bodystyle: SCHOOL BUS

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

VEHICLES HAVING A GVWR OF 10,000 POUNDS OR LESS

Make(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Model Years Involved: \_\_\_\_\_ Model(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Production Dates: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

VIN Range: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Bodystyle: \_\_\_\_\_

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Model Years Involved: \_\_\_\_\_ Model(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Production Dates: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

VIN Range: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Bodystyle: \_\_\_\_\_

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period. 100%

**II. Identify the Recall Population**

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
<u>2005</u>	<u>2005</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 122

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

THE AFFECTED VEHICLES WERE DETERMINED BY THE START DATE OF THE  
REQUIREMENT FOR THE TIRE AND RIM LABEL, AND A DATE THAT OUR  
PRODUCTION PERSONNEL WERE ASSURED THAT THE LABEL WAS BEING  
APPLIED TO THE VEHICLES.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the ~~defect or~~ noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the ~~defect or~~ noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

THE TIRE AND LOADING DECAL AS REQUIRED BY FMVSS 110 WAS  
EITHER OMITTED, OR NOT AFFIXED TO THE VEHICLE AS SPECIFIED.

Describe the cause(s) of the ~~defect or~~ noncompliance condition.

FAILURE BY PRODUCTION PERSONNEL TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE  
REQUIREMENTS.

Describe the consequence(s) of the ~~defect or~~ noncompliance condition.

THE VEHICLE COULD BE OVERLOADED TO AN UNSAFE WEIGHT

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

N/A

If the ~~defect or~~ noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

N/A

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

N/A

**IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance**

*If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.*

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. 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.

NHTSA DISCOVERED THE NON COMPLIANCE WHILE INSPECTING VEHICLE  
(VIN) # 1G3HG31V561226021  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**V. Identify the Remedy**

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

PREPARE A MAILING LIST OF ALL AFFECTED VEHICLES, HAVE LABELS  
PREPARED, AND MAILED TO ALL CUSTOMERS  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

PRODUCTION PERSONNEL EDUCATED ON PROPER PROCEDURE IN AFFIXING  
ALL REQUIRED LABELS

**VI. Identify the Recall Schedule**

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION SHOULD COMMENCE BY MID-MARCH

**VII. Furnish Recall Communications**

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.