



**FORETRAVEL**  
**MOTORCOACH**

07V-340  
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June 6, 2007

Mr. Daniel C. Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Defect Information Report; Certain Foretravel Vehicles Equipped with  
Cummins ISL CM850 diesel engines manufactured by Cummins, Inc.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Foretravel Motorcoach has been advised by Cummins, Inc. that certain diesel engines installed as original equipment in certain Foretravel recreational vehicles may contain a safety-related defect with respect to connecting rods in ISL CM850 diesel engines. On the basis of that Cummins determination, Foretravel Motorcoach has decided that there is a potential safety-related defect in its vehicles equipped with the identified diesel engines, and we are therefore submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 936-564-8367.

Sincerely,

Mark Harvey  
Director of Warranty

Enclosure

## Defect Information Report

### 1. **Manufacturer's name/address**

The manufacturer of the vehicles covered by this Report is:

Foretravel Motorcoach  
1221 NW Stallings Drive  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75964

### 2. **Vehicles Involved:**

The vehicles covered by this Report are recreational vehicles that were equipped with **ISL C850 diesel engines** manufactured by Cummins, Inc. between October 17, 2005 and April 18, 2006. The subject Foretravel vehicle models are as follows:

**2006 Year model – Nimbus 334 – 1 Coach Total**

**2007 Year model – Nimbus 336 and Nimbus 340 – 8 Coaches total**

A complete listing of the subject vehicles are attached in Appendix A.

### 3. **Total number of vehicles:**

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 9.

### 4. **Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:**

Based on the information received from Cummins, Inc... Foretravel estimates that approximately 3.8% percent of the vehicles in the recall population actually contain the defect.

### 5. **Description of Defect:**

The connecting rod contains a machining defect in the wrist pin bushing of the rod that could cause a seizure of the piston pin, which if allowed to progress, can lead to engine failure with the possibility of the rod rupturing the block cavity, oil and debris on the roadway and vehicle crash.

### 6. **Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:**

Cummins advised Foretravel of its defect determination by phone call and e-mail May 22, 2007. Foretravel is awaiting official notice from Cummins as to the Recall campaign number assigned by the Office of Defects and Investigation to this recall.

To date, Foretravel is not aware of any injuries, fatalities, or crashes in its vehicles related to this defect. Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, Foretravel has voluntarily decided to submit this defect report and at NHTSA advisement conduct this recall as necessary.

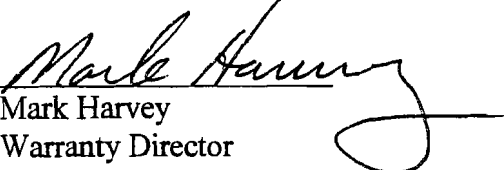
**7. Program for remedying the defect:**

Foretravel will assist Cummins in what ever way possible to remedy this potential defect.

Cummins will calibrate the engine control module. Additionally, Cummins will enhance the Engine Protection system enabling it to provide early detection of the failure mode and avoid more serious engine damage and resultant safety hazard. This will involve installation of a new valve cover with a crankcase pressure sensor. Prior to failure, the new crankcase pressure sensor will provide a signal to the dash with a red light. A red lamp gives an indication to the driver to stop the engine as soon as it can safely be done. Cummins has arranged to conduct the recall to remedy the potential defect in Foretravel vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners.

**8. Customer/owner notifications.**

According to information supplied to Foretravel by Cummins we estimate customer notifications to begin in July 2007. Awaiting parts and servicing instructions to be distributed to the Cummins service network. The customer notice letter is in process and will be submitted in draft to the agency as soon as available.

  
Mark Harvey  
Warranty Director

Appendix A

Unit #	VIN #	Engine Serial
6380	1F98D53456	46546534
6385	1F98D54097	46546551
6389	1F98D54067	46557520
6390	1F98D54087	46557523
6393	1F98D53607	46584387
6394	1F98D53627	46586626
6397	1F98DN3687	46592771
6398	1F98DN4077	46592779
6402	1F98DN3677	46603064