

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On October 12, 2007, U. S. Bus Corporation [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108) 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 Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: October 17, 2007

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 07V-342

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 vehicles built on the General Motors Chevrolet Express chassis

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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Signed:



¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

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 Corporation **Model Years Involved:** 2007 **Model(s):** Certain 2007 model year vehicles built on the Chevrolet Express Chassis

Production Dates: Beginning: September 1, 2006 **Ending:** September 30, 2007

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** U. S. Bus vehicles are not produced using consecutive Vehicle Identification Numbers _____

Vehicle Type: School Bus **Bodystyle:** Bus

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

There are no physical characteristics which would visibly identify vehicles involved in this 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:

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 Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
<u>U. S. Bus Corporation School Bus or Activity Bus – 2007 Chassis Model Year as defined by</u>		
<u>General Motors Corporation</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>137 Vehicles</u>

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 137

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:

This recall is being conducted by General Motors Corporation. Notification of the recall was sent to U.S. Bus Corporation. The recall population was identified by General Motors as being 2007 model year 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.

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 application.

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

The Chevrolet chassis anti-lock brake system (ABS) module needs to be reprogrammed.

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

A vehicle driven with the brakes applied can cause overheating of the brakes, resulting in increased stopping distance, which could result in a vehicle crash.

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

The driver may notice a substantial drag when driving and may need to depress the gas pedal further than usual to continue vehicle movement.

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

General Motors Corporation 100 Renaissance Center, P. O. Box 100, Detroit MI 48265-1000

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

Scott Lawson, General Director, Customer and Relationship Services

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.

U. S. Bus Corporation was notified by General Motors Corporation by mail of the recall concern.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

U. S. Bus Corporation will use the VIN information provided by General Motors for each vehicle involved to obtain end-user contact information and will forward the recall information to the customer by mail. U. S. Bus will also forward customer identification information to General Motors Corporation. Remedy and any applicable reimbursement is being provided by General Motors Corporation. Please refer to the Recall Notice provided by General Motors which specifies details on the remedy activities. The Recall Notice from General Motors will be provided with the notification from U.S. Bus Corporation.

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

General Motors will reprogram the ABS module at their service facilities.

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

There are no visible characteristics of the remedy vs. recall condition. The driver may notice a
Substantial drag or resistance while driving caused by the rear brakes not releasing.

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.

General Motors Corporation is conducting the recall and recall remedy activities.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. 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.

U. S. Bus Corporation will begin contacting end users or customers as soon as the contact information
has been researched and identified for each VIN provided by General Motors Corporation. Collecting
of this information should be complete by October 31, 2007. Notification by mail will begin immediately
thereafter. Delays may occur if the customer has sold the vehicle, or has moved and not provided forwarding
contact information.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. 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) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.