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Associated Administrator for Enforcement
Attention: Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington DC 20590

In accordance with CFR 49 Part 573, Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided on behalf of US Bus Corporation (the Original manufacturer) that a defect with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108 "*Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment*" exist with Certain 2007 Sturdibus, Universe, Safetran School buses . These Models were built on GMT 601 Chevrolet Express Chassis Manufactured between September 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007.

This report was e-mailed to NHTSA on November 11, 2009 to RMD.ODI@dot.gov
In addition, sent 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 10, 2009

I.

Transportation Collaborative Inc has decided to conduct recall # **07V-493** on behalf of US Bus Corporation (the Original manufacturer). US Bus Corporation on October 12, 2007 decided that non-compliance exist with Certain 2007 Sturdibus, Universe , Safetran School buses built on 610 GMT Chevrolet Express Chassis manufactured between September 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007.

The noncompliance involves Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222 “*School Bus Seating and Crash Protection* “. Specifically, the defect is with General Motors Corporation Anit-lock Brake System Module. The defect is related to the rear brakes and stoplights. During normal use of the brake pedal, the rear stoplights will illuminate and upon release of the brake pedal, the stoplights will no longer be illuminated but the rear brakes may still be engaged.

Vehicles not involved in the recall:

General Motor Corporation manufactured vehicles not included in the recall after September 30, 2007 and do not fall under the VIN range set by General Motors.

Vehicles involved in the recall:

2007- US Bus Saturdibus, Safetran, Universe School Buses Built on 610 GMT Chevrolet Express Chassis.

VIN Range:

Year	Division	Model	From	Through
2007	Chevrolet	Express	71209474	71231106
2007	GMC	Savana	71205402	71904846

II.

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

100%

Original vehicle population as of October 17, 2007:

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles involved
SturdiBus, Universe Safe Tran	2007	137





Total: 137

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

100%

Vehicle population as determined by Transportation Collaborative Inc. after reviewing US Bus Chassis Records:

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles involved
Safetran, Sturdibus, Universe	2007	Total: <u>108</u>

Identify and describe how the original recall population was determined:

According to US Bus Corporation records, it was on October 12, 2007 that they were made aware of the defect by General Motors Corporation Campaign notice 07177. The defect, which involves Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108 *“Lamps, Reflective Devices and associated Equipment”* was initiated by General Motors Corporation. General Motors Corporation and US Bus Corporation originally identified the population by identifying all 2007 chassis bought by US Bus Corporation that fall within the VIN range set by GMC. Transportation Collaborative Inc. has identified the recall population by reviewing US Bus Corporation Chassis Records and cross-referencing the VIN numbers against GMC’s Recall criteria.

III.

Describe the Noncompliance:

The defect involves FMVS 108 *“Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment”*. Specifically the defect occurs when the brakes are applied, the stoplights will illuminate and when the brake pedal is released the stoplights will no longer be illuminated but the rear brakes may still be engaged. The brakes may release after a few seconds or after the next firm brake pedal application. In the event that the vehicle is driven while having the rear brakes applied overheating of the brakes can occur resulting in increased stopping distance, which could result in a vehicle crash.

Describe the consequence of the Noncompliance:

In the event of a crash, a passengers or pedestrians could experience personal injury or even death.





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

The driver may notice a substantial drag while the vehicle is in motion and may need to depress the gas pedal further than usual to continue vehicle movement.

Identify the manufacture or supplier of the defective equipment:

Scott Lawson, General Director
Customer and Relationship Services
General Motors Corporation
100 Renaissance Center
PO BOX 100
Detroit MI 48265-1000

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:

October 12, 2007 - US Bus Corporation (the original manufacture) received notification from General Motors Corporation that a defect exist with there Anti-Lock Brake System Module as it pertains to GMC campaign number 07177.

October 17, 2007 – US Bus Corporation filed a 573 report to NHTSA stating that a defect associated with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No 108 “Lamps, Reflective Devices and Associated Equipment “exist with 2007 Sturdibus, Universe and Safetran School Buses Built on GMT 610 Chevrolet Express Chassis. US Bus filed t5he report stating that 137 units were involved in the recall population.

October 25, 2007 – US Bus Corporation received NHTSA’s knowldgement letter and assigned recall number **07V-493** to the Campaign.

October 19, 2009 – Transportation Collaborative Inc decided to conduct recall number 07V-493 on behalf of US Bus Corporation.

November 10, 2009- Transportation Collaborative Inc. on behalf of US Bus Corporation revised and filed a 573 report, in compliance with CFR 49. TCI revised the original number of units affected by the recall from 137 to 108 after reviewing US Bus Corporation Chassis records and validating them against GMC campaign #07177 criteria’s.

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 by mail. Owners and dealers will be required to contact General Motors Corporation in order to have the vehicles inspected and the Anti-lock Brake System Module reprogrammed. TCI will assist all customers with scheduling repairs and locating authorized GMC or Chevrolet repair facilities.

Any cost incurred to the owners ,purchasers and dealers of Vehicles affected by recall number 07V-493 will be reimbursed by General Motors Corporation with the assistants of 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, Chassis affected by the recall were taken to a General Motors Corporation dealer to have the Anti-Lock Brake System module reprogrammed in order to insure the units were in compliance with FMVS 108.

VI.

Recall Schedule:

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

All questions regarding this recall should be addressed to:

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Signature: _____ **Date:** 11/11/2009

