



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

March 21, 2008

MR. LOUIS HOTARD
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ABC BUS COMPANIES, INC.
17469 WEST COLONIAL DR.
WINTER GARDEN, FL 34787

NVS-215dgl
08V-126

Subject: B+ ALTERNATOR CABLE

Dear MR. HOTARD:

This letter serves to acknowledge ABC Bus Companies, Inc.'s, distributor for Van Hool N.V., notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
VAN HOOL/C2045/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-126

Mfg's Report Date: March 14, 2008

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 447

Summary:

VAN HOOL (ABC BUS) IS RECALLING 447 MY 2006-2007 C2045 MOTOR COACHES. THE B+ ALTERNATOR CABLE RETENTION ON THE C13 ENGINES MAY FAIL. THE FAILURE WOULD CONSIST OF BREAKAGE OF THE B+ RING TERMINAL.

Consequence:

THE POSITIVE BATTERY CABLE DETACHING FROM THE REAR OF THE ALTERNATOR CAN CAUSE CABLE GROUNDING. THIS MAY RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE NECESSARY CABLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT VAN HOOL/ABC BUS AT 1-407-656-7977.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE08-003, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement