



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

*March 26, 2008*

MR. JIMMY STOUT  
DIRECTOR OF AFTERMARKET SERVICES  
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ROSWELL NM 88203

NVS-215dgl  
08V-138

Subject: STEERING MITER BOX BRACKET

Dear MR. STOUT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Millennium Transit Services, LLC's 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:**

MILLENNIUM TRANSIT/R80THN/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-138

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 24, 2008

**Components:** STEERING:GEAR BOX

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 23

**Summary:**

MILLENNIUM TRANSIT IS RECALLING 23 MY 2006 R80THN TRANSIT BUSES. THE STEERING MITER BOX BRACKET IS MOUNTED ON A STRUCTURAL BEAM BELOW THE DRIVER AND HOLDS THE MITER GEAR WHICH CONNECTS THE STEERING COLUMN TO THE STEERING SHAFT AND STEERING GEAR.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THERE BE A FAILURE OF THE WELDS HOLDING THIS BRACKET TOGETHER, THE RESULT WOULD BE A LOSS OF STEERING OR CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL SHIP REPLACEMENT PART BRACKETS ALONG WITH INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 31, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MILLENNIUM TRANSIT AT 1-575-347-7534.

**Notes:**

MILLENNIUM TRANSIT RECALL NO. 08-001. 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).

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

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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement