



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

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*July 24, 2008*

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NVS-215dgl  
08V-326

Subject: ROOF MOUNTED AIRCONDITIONER CONTROL PANEL/TRANS AIR

Dear MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Champion Bus, Inc'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:**

CHAMPION/CTS-RE/2007

CHAMPION/DEFENDER/2007-2008

CHAMPION/INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN CO/2008

CHAMPION/INTERNATIONAL HIGH FLOOR/2007-2009

CHAMPION/INTERNATIONAL LOW FLOOR/2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-326

**Mfg's Report Date:** July 9, 2008

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:ELECTRICAL:AIR CONDITIONER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 68

**Summary:**

CHAMPION IS RECALLING 68 MY 2007-2009 TRANSIT BUSES. THE FASTENERS THAT ARE USED TO HOLD ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS IN PLACE ON THE ROOF MOUNTED AIR CONDITIONER CONTROL PANEL MAY NOT BE TIGHTENED DOWN TO THE PROPER TORQUE AND/OR THERE MAY BE A POSSIBLE FRAYED WIRE AT THE CONNECTION POINT.

**Consequence:**

IF THESE CONNECTIONS ARE LOOSE, IT COULD RESULT IN OVERHEATING AND CAUSE A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FASTENERS ON THE ELECTRICAL CONTROL BOARD AND TIGHTEN THEM TO THE PROPER TORQUE VALUE IF THEY ARE FOUND TO BE LOOSE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CHAMPION BUS AT 1-810-724-1735.

**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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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:

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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