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NVS-215kjs
08V-355

SUBJECT: OIL LEAK IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT

DEAR MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the vehicles listed 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:

IC/RECB/1998-2003

IC/RESB/1998-2003

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-355 **Mfg's Report Date:** July 25, 2008

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:COOLING SYSTEM:HOSE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,765

Summary:

NAVISTAR IS RECALLING 1,765 MY 1998 THROUGH 2003 RE SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 5, 1998 AND JULY 23, 2002, EQUIPPED WITH INTERNATIONAL T444E ENGINES. THE HOSE ASSEMBLIES THAT SUPPLY HIGH PRESSURE OIL TO THE ENGINE'S CYLINDER HEADS MAY DETERIORATE AND ALLOW OIL TO LEAK OR MIST IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

Consequence:

LEAKING OR MISTING OIL IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT MAY IGNITE RESULTING IN A FIRE POSSIBLY CAUSING PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

Remedy:

NAVISTAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE HOSE ASSEMBLY FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED US WITH A REMEDY SCHEDULE. OWNERS CAN CONTACT NAVISTAR TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

NAVISTAR'S RECALL NO. 08507. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

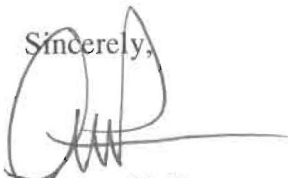
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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,



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