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NVS-215kjs
08V-498

Subject: FMVSS 403/WHEELCHAIR LIFT INTERLOCK/INTERMOTIVE

Dear MR. GLADOW:

This letter serves to acknowledge Collins Bus Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 403, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles" 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:

COLLINS/BANTAM/2007
COLLINS/GRAND BANTAM/2007
COLLINS/SUPER BANTAM/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-498

Mfg's Report Date: September 22, 2008

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Summary:

COLLINS IS RECALLING 8 MY 2007 BANTAM, SUPER BANTAM, OR GRAND BANTAM SCHOOL BUSES EQUIPPED WITH MODULE LOCK601-GD WHEELCHAIR LIFT INTERLOCK MODULE MANUFACTURED BY INTERMOTIVE, INC. IF THE VEHICLE'S BATTERY VOLTAGE DROPS TO 7.5 VOLTS, THE MODULE MAY GO INTO FAULT MODE AND MAY NOT LOCK THE SHIFTER IN PARK WHEN THE LIFT DOOR IS OPENED WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 403, "PLATFORM LIFT SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES."

Consequence:

THE VEHICLE MAY BE MOVED WITH THE LIFT DEPLOYED AND COULD RESULT IN INJURY TO THE LIFT OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

COLLINS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 17, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COLLINS TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-533-1850 EXT. 430.

Notes:

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

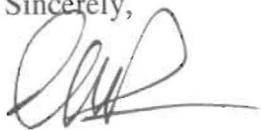
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following:

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 the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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