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RE: Collins Bus Corporation Recall # 08V-???, 3 Point Seat Retractor Belt

Dear Collins Bus Corporation Distributor,

The intent of this letter is to keep you informed of a Safety Recall we are conducting.

Collins Bus Corporation has decided that a noncompliance issue which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in Collins "Bantam", "Super Bantam", "Grand Bantam", or "Omni" model bus(es) which had a Collins Three-Point Seats installed in them and built between November 2005, and March 2006. As a result of warranty issues it was discovered that the first style of belt retractors used in the three-point seats may cause fraying of the belt web upon frequent use. The potential fraying of the belt webbing may cause the belts to not pass FMVSS 209 or 210. The result could be that in the event of a crash these belts may break prematurely and not keep the passenger positioned properly within the seat confines, thereby potentially harming the passengers and occupants of the bus.

The recommended course of action is for the owner of the bus to pull out to full extension the shoulder belt portion of the three point seat belts and check for fraying of the belts. If there are signs of fraying then the belt must be removed and replaced with a new one. See photos below of a belt being pulled out and it's frayed edge.



Attached you will find a sample copy of the Owner Notification letter we are sending to the last known owner of the vehicles in question. The checking of the belt(s) and removal and replacement of belts is a simple procedure which the vehicle owner may easily perform. If the owner prefers to not perform this repair, we have instructed the owner to contact a Collins Bus distributor to perform the repair. Should a customer contact you and request such a repair, please contact Collins Bus Customer Service at 1-800-533-1850 for assistance.

Federal Law requires that Collins Bus Corporation advise customers of the procedure to follow in informing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration if the nonconformance is not remedied without charge within a reasonable time after the vehicle is tendered for repair. Customers or distributors may contact Collins Bus Corporation Customer Service at 1-800-533-1850 for assistance. Customers may also report difficulty to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, D.C., 20590, or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We regret the inconvenience this service may cause you. Please be assured that Collins Bus Corporation is striving to build our buses with the best value and safety available. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
COLLINS BUS CORPORATION