



January 23, 2008

Re: **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

Collins Bus Corporation Recall # 08V-018, 3 Point Seat Retractor Belt

Dear Collins Bus Corporation Customer,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Collins Bus Corporation has decided that certain Collins "Bantam", "Super Bantam", "Grand Bantam", or "Omni" model bus(es) which had a Collins Three-Point Seat(s) installed in them and built between November 2005, and March 2006 may fail to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies" (FMVSS) 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages".

Reason For This Recall:

Your vehicle has three-point seating with retractable belts. There is a possibility that the retractable belts are prematurely fraying due to a faulty retractor design which causes rubbing and abrasion on the belt webbing as the belt is extended and retracted repeatedly over time. 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. Below are photos that show the belt being extended from the seat frame and associated fraying that may be observed.



Vehicle Repair Procedure:

The remedy for this nonconformance will be to install new retractor belts to replace those which have fraying belts. To obtain replacement retractable belts, please contact Collins Bus Customer Service at 1-800-533-1850. The belts will be shipped to you free of charge.

The belts will come shipped with instructions as to how to remove and replace these belts, as well as with a special pull tool that is used to feed the belt through the interior of the seat back. The replacement of these retractable belts is a simple procedure which you may readily perform. If you would prefer to not perform this repair yourself, you may contact a Collins Bus distributor to perform the repair.

Estimated Repair Time:

Estimated repair time is 10 minutes per belt. Warranty allowance procedures will cover the vehicle service required in this program. If this repair has been performed prior to this Safety Recall Notice, you may be entitled to reimbursement. Please notify Collins Bus Customer Service if this is the case when filing a claim.

Owner Response Postcard:

You have been sent an Owner Response Postcard because our records indicate that you are the most recent known owner of this vehicle. If you are the current owner of the vehicle, please fill out the appropriate information and status of the repairs. If the vehicle was inspected and determined to not need repair, please indicate this. Please sign the Owner Response Postcard and return it to us after any necessary vehicle repairs are complete.

Change of Address or Ownership:

If you are not the current owner of the vehicle, please indicate this on the Owner Response Postcard and return the card to us. If you have leased this vehicle to another party, federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

Federal Law requires that we advise you of the procedure to follow in informing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration if the noncompliance is not remedied without charge within a reasonable time after the vehicle is tendered for repair. You may contact Collins Bus Corporation Customer Service at 1-800-533-1850 and we will assist you. You may also report your difficulty to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., 20590, or call the Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236: (TTY:1-800-424-9153). Or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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

Kelli Petz,
Customer Service Manager