



**North American
Bus Industries, Inc.**

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

**NHTSA Campaign #: 08V-437
NABI Recall #: 2008-04**

September 2008

Dear NABI Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. NABI (North American Bus Industries, Inc.), in conjunction with Bendix, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain transit buses manufactured between July 2003 and August 2005. The affected buses are equipped with a Bendix spring brake valve.

Our records identify you as the owner of the vehicle(s) affected by this recall. (Please see attached VIN listing of affected vehicles.)

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Certain Bendix brake valves contain Parker check valves which are potentially defective. After prolonged use of the Parker check valve, the valve body retainer may become excessively worn, and eventually break apart. Pieces of the valve could become lodged within the spring brake valve, potentially causing a leak or preventing air from properly exhausting from the spring brake valve. This could cause delay in brake application of the spring (parking) brakes after the operator pulls the dash control valve, spring brakes not fully releasing, or loss of isolation between the primary and secondary circuits. This can occur without warning and possibly lead to unintended vehicle roll-away, brake drag, or in case of loss of primary circuit, the inability to modulate the spring brakes.

NABI will coordinate with Bendix to ensure these suspect are replaced free-of-charge.

ACTION YOU SHOULD TAKE

NABI will be contacting you shortly to coordinate supply of check valves for replacement.

If you have any questions about this recall campaign, or if NABI does not remedy this condition without charge on the mutually agreed upon date or within 5 days of this agreed upon date, you can obtain assistance by contacting NABI Field Service, at 256.241.1308, or via email at recalls@nabiusa.com.

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You may also wish to submit a complaint to the "Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington D.C. 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hot-line at 1.888.327.4236 (TTY: 800.424.9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>" if you believe that NABI has failed to remedy the vehicle without charge, within a reasonable time, which is no longer than 60 days after your first tender to obtain repair. You may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of a problem associated with this recall. For more information, contact NABI Field Service at the above number/email.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may cause you.

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