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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Collins Bus Corporation is submitting information relating to a safety recall we are conducting. Specific information is as follows:

**573.6(b)(1)**

This is the fifth quarterly report regarding Recall Number 08V-018.

**573.6(b)(2)** The initial notification began and completed January 7, 2008.

**573.6(b)(3)**

This recall involves (two hundred and ninety-six) Collins "Bantam", "Super Bantam", "Grand Bantam" and "Omni" model which had installed in them Collins lap/shoulder belt seats, built between November 2005, and June 2006 at the South Hutchinson, Kansas assembly plant. The buses in question may have a pre-mature fraying of the lap/shoulder belt due to friction between the belt and a metal sleeve internal to the seat back. This condition is potentially caused by the belt retractor assembly being misaligned with the rest of the seat structure. A new revised retractor design will assure there is no misalignment thereby eliminating the potential for friction and fraying. New belts and retractors are being supplied to end users so that the belts will remain in compliance with 49CFR571.209 and 49CFR571.210.

**573.6(b)(4)**

To date, we have received confirmation that one hundred and forty nine (149) of the buses have been inspected and repaired. Seven (7) buses have been inspected and need no repair, one (1) bus has been sold, and one hundred and twenty nine (129) buses have not been confirmed.

**573.6(b)(5)**

To date, we have determined none of the buses to be unreachable for inspection.

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Sincerely,  
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