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**National Highway
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NVS-215kjs
09V-083

SUBJECT: BROKEN BODY MOUNT BOLTS

DEAR MR. HIEBERT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Collins Bus Corporation's (Collins) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described 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/2008
COLLINS/SUPER BANTAM/2008
COLLINS/GRAND BANTAM/2008
COLLINS/MID BUS GUIDE/2008
COLLINS/MID BUS SUPER GUIDE/2008
COLLINS/MID BUS GRAND GUIDE/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-083

Mfg's Report Date: March 4, 2009

Components: STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,741

Summary:

COLLINS IS RECALLING 2,741 MY 2008 SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2008 AND JANUARY 1, 2009. THE BOLTS USED TO MOUNT THE BODY TO THE CHASSIS FRAME RAIL MAY HAVE BEEN IMPROPERLY INSTALLED WHICH COULD LEAD TO FAILURE OF THE BOLTS.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF THESE BOLTS WILL RESULT IN INADEQUATE CONNECTION OF THE BUS BODY TO THE BUS CHASSIS. IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE CRASH, THERE MAY BE AN INCREASED RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY TO THE VEHICLE OCCUPANTS.

Remedy:

COLLINS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND INSPECT AND REPAIR THE BUSES IF NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COLLINS TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-533-1850.

Notes:

OWNERS MAY ALSO 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).

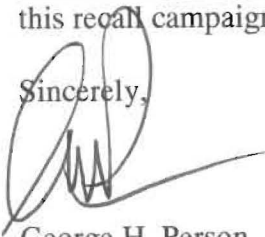
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed Collins' proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. 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 the 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 successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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