U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 15, 2009

TIMOTHY J. NALEPKA
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER
MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES
1700 E. GOLD ROAD, THIRD FLOOR
SCHAUMBURG IL 60173

NVS-215dgl
09V-115

SUBJECT: ATC/ESC VALVES

DEAR MR. NALEPKA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Motor Coach Industries' notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:
MCI/J4500/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-115

Mfg's Report Date: April 7, 2009

Components: SUSPENSION: MULTIPLE AXLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 316

Summary:
MCI IS RECALLING 316 MY 2008-2009 J4500 COACH VEHICLES. THESE VEHICLES MAY CONTAIN A DISTORTED VALVE IN THE AUTOMATIC TRACTION CONTROL (ATC) AND/OR ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL (ESC) SYSTEMS. UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, THE VALVE MAY STICK IN THE OPEN POSITION AND CAUSE FULL SERVICE BRAKE PRESSURE TO BE APPLIED TO EITHER THE FRONT AXLE BRAKES OR THE DRIVE AND TAG AXLE BRAKES, DEPENDING ON WHETHER THE DISTORTED VALVE IS A FRONT OR REAR VALVE.

Consequence:
IN THE EVENT THE VALVE STICKS IN AN OPEN POSITION AND CAUSES FULL SERVICE BRAKE PRESSURE TO BE APPLIED, A VEHICLE MAY EXPERIENCE BRAKE LOCK-UP ONCE THE VEHICLE SLOWS TO 5 MPH, THEREBY INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE ATC VALVES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCI AT 847-285-2000.

Notes:
CUSTOMERS 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.

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

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

> You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 contacts for this recall will be Delia Lopez or Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or 202-366-5227, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or 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,



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