



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

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NVS-215kjs  
09V-200

**SUBJECT: SHOCK ABSORBER SEPARATION/KONI**

**DEAR MR. NALEPKA:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Motor Coach Industries, Inc's (MCI) 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 Federal laws.

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/D4505/2009

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 4, 2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 09V-200

**Components:** SUSPENSION:REAR:SHOCK ABSORBER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 29

**Summary:**

MCI IS RECALLING 29 MODEL YEAR 2009 D4505 MOTOR COACHES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND APRIL 2009, EQUIPPED WITH KONI SHOCK ABSORBERS. THE TAG SUSPENSION AIR SPRINGS CAN GENERATE FORCE THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TENSILE STRENGTH OF THE SHOCK ABSORBERS EXCEEDING THEIR DESIGN REBOUND LIMIT.

**Consequence:**

THIS FAILURE COULD RESULT IN SEPARATION OF THE SHOCK ABSORBER FROM ITS MOUNTING, CAUSING INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE UPPER PORTION OF THE SUSPENSION AND THE DRIVESHAFT, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

MCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND WILL REPAIR THE COACHES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCI AT 1-847-285-2000.

**Notes:**

MCI'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NO. FCP 329. 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.

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).

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](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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