



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

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NVS-215kjs
09V-293

SUBJECT: LED SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM LIGHTS INOPERATIVE

DEAR MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, Inc's 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:

IC/BE/2009-2010
IC/CE/2009-2010
IC/FE/2009-2010
IC/RE/2009-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-293

Mfg's Report Date: July 27, 2009

Components: OTHER:SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,449

Summary:

NAVISTAR IS RECALLING 3,449 IC SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MARCH 1, 2008 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2009, EQUIPPED WITH SPECIALTY MANUFACTURING, INC. (SMI) 000290 LED LIGHT KITS. A CHANGE TO THE WIRE USED IN THE LED LIGHT KITS MAY REDUCE THE EFFECTIVE LIFE OF THE LIGHTS USED ON THE STOP ARMS. THE LIGHTS MAY STOP FUNCTIONING WITHOUT WARNING.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE LED LIGHTS STOP FUNCTIONING, VISIBILITY OF A STOPPED BUS WOULD BE DECREASED, POSSIBLY ENDANGERING A CHILD OR PEDESTRIAN TO INJURY BY PASSING VEHICLES.

Remedy:

NAVISTAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE BUSES WILL BE REPAIRED FREE OF CHARGE. REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY SMI. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SMI WARRANTY SERVICE AT 1-800-951-7867 OR NAVISTAR TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

NAVISTAR'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NO. 09505. 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).

As stated in your report, we understand that SMI will be conducting this safety recall. However, since Navistar is responsible for the defect in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if SMI's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Navistar to conduct a follow-up notification.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Person".

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