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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
09V-371

SUBJECT: ALTERNATOR CABLE ASSEMBLY/POSSIBLE FIRE

DEAR MR. ALLEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge North American Bus Industries, Inc.'s (NABI) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will 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:

NABI/40LFW/2009
NABI/45CLFW/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-371 **Mfg's Report Date:** September 28, 2009

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 179

Summary:

NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES, INC. IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008 AND 2009 TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1, 2008 AND SEPTEMBER 12, 2009. THE CABLE ASSEMBLY THAT SUPPLIES POWER FROM THE ALTERNATOR TO THE BATTERIES MAY HAVE A DEFECTIVELY CRIMPED TERMINAL WHICH COULD CAUSE IT TO OVERHEAT WHEN HIGH CURRENT PASSES THROUGH THE CABLE.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN COMPONENT DAMAGE AND A FIRE. THIS COULD ALSO RESULT IN A LOSS OF ELECTRICAL POWER AND ENGINE CONTROLS WHICH COULD RENDER THE VEHICLE STALLED IN A ROADWAY, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

NABI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALER WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE ANY DEFECTIVE CABLE ASSEMBLY FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 9, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NABI CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-888-424-5844.

Notes:

NABI'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS #20092. CUSTOMERS MAY 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 received NABI's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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

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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

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