



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

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November 18, 2009

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NVS-215dgl  
09V-446

**SUBJECT: ALTERNATOR CABLE ASSEMBLY**

**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 recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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/D4000/2005-2008  
MCI/D4500/2005-2009  
MCI/D4505/2005-2009

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 17, 2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 09V-446

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATOR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,007

**Summary:**

MCI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2005-2008 D4000, MODEL YEAR 2005-2009 D4500 AND D4505 TRANSIT BUSES, EQUIPPED WITH CATERPILLAR C13 ENGINE AND 50DN ALTERNATOR. THE ALTERNATOR CABLE MAY BECOME LOOSE WITHIN THE CABLE CLAMP, WHICH COULD RESULT IN CHAFING OF THE ALTERNATOR CABLE AND POSSIBLE ARCING OF THE CABLE WIRES.

**Consequence:**

THIS COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

MCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE ALTERNATOR CABLE CLAMP AND RELATED HARDWARE FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCI CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-241-2947.

**Notes:**

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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE09-042, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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