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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: Defect Report – 09505

Dear Associate Administrator:

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Vehicle Defect Initial Information Report is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by Navistar, Inc on behalf of IC Bus, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary.

(1) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6(c)(2)]

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - MY 2009 and 2010 IC Bus BE, CE, FE, and RE model series buses.
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 4/1/08 thru 2/1/09
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Equipped with a Specialty Manufacturing Inc safety stop arm with a 000290 LED light kit.

(2) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6(c)(2)(iv)]

- This report relates only to a component supplied by Specialty Manufacturing, Inc (SMI).
- Contact information is:

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Specialty Manufacturing, Inc.
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(3) VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]

Model	Number of Suspect Vehicles		
	United States	Canada	Export
BE School Bus	49	1	0
CE School Bus	3104	67	0
FE School Bus	67	0	0
RE School Bus	229	1	0
Total Vehicles	3449	69	0

(4) PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN THE DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]

- It is estimated that all (50%) of the vehicles in suspect population could have the defect based on the SMI defect report.

(5) DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]

- As provided by SMI defect report (ref. 09E040): A change to the wire used in the LED light kits may reduce the effective life of the lights used on the Specialty brand stop arms. The lights may stop functioning without warning. 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.

(6) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]

- 7/15/09 – Navistar Compliance and IC Bus were informed of SMI’s safety recall customer notification letter dated 7/6/09.
- 7/17/09 - Navistar determines suspect date range and performs a vehicle search to determine the extent of the suspect stop arm assemblies installed on IC Bus vehicles.
- 7/22/09 – Navistar declares a safety recall.

(7) PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]

- Each IC Bus vehicle equipped with a suspect SMI safety stop arm will have the stop arm light kit replaced.
- SMI will be managing the remedy and will provide quarterly completion reports.

(8) PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]

- Some of the vehicles in this recall fall outside the warranty period; therefore, Navistar’s plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 1/5/2009 applies and instructions will be included in the customer notification.

(9) SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]

- Navistar will notify owners by mid-August 2009.

(10) RECALL NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]

- Navistar: 09505
- NHTSA: Not Yet Assigned

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. L. Van Laar".

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