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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Subject: NABI Safety Recall #20094

Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is a Vehicle Defect Initial Information Report, which is being submitted by North American Bus Industries, Inc. pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Very truly yours,

North American Bus Industries, Inc. (NABI)

Dan C. Allen
Chief Engineer Product Design

Enclosures

NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES (NABI)

VEHICLE DEFECT
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

Date: December 21, 2009

NABI Recall No. 20094

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURED DATES		OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
				FROM	THROUGH	
NABI	LFW;	2002-2009	2370	1/1/02	9/15/09	Certain city transit buses equipped with Luminator Horizon LED side destination sign
Blue Bird	BRT ; 416	2007-2009				
Optima	Ultra Opus	2007-2009				

Total Number of Vehicles: 2370

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: Estimated 40%

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NABI RECALL NO. 20094

VEHICLE DEFECT
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT: This is a result of a recall (copy attached) by Luminator Holding LP, relating to certain Horizon model LED signs mounted in the side window. Certain city transit buses, manufactured by NABI, equipped with these signs, may be susceptible to corrosion on a printed circuit board connector. The affected buses are equipped with a sign system that has either one of the following:

- Do not have a rear sign as part of the sign system, Or
- Equipped with 2 (one right and one left) side signs.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY: Corrosion on an exposed printed circuit board connector may cause an electrical malfunction, resulting in smoke in or around the sign. This could result in a distraction to the driver and result in a vehicle accident.

1) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:

- On or about Sept. 18, 2009 NABI received a recall notice from Luminator Holding LP. (copy attached)
- NABI initiated an investigation.
- NABI has had no reports of smoke or flame associated with the side sign or associated wiring.
- It is unknown at this time if any NABI buses exhibit the connector corrosion issue noted by the sign supplier.
- On December 17, 2009, as a precaution, NABI decided to initiate a formal recall and assist the sign supplier in locating, inspecting and remedy of any affected buses.

- 2) REMEDY EXPENSE: Luminator will inspect and repair of the vehicles free of charge.
- 3) EARLIEST DATE TO BE REMEDIED: December 2009.
- 4) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: There will be no public announcement.
- 5) OWNER LETTER: Draft notification letter will be provided for review and approval by NHTSA.