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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-062

SUBJECT: OVERHEATED BRAKES

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge General Coach's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in 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:

GENERAL COACH/EZ-TRANS/2003-2010
GENERAL COACH/IC-LC/2006-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-062

Mfg's Report Date: February 5, 2009

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 515

Summary:

GENERAL COACH IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2003-2010 EZ-TRANS AND MODEL YEAR 2006-2010 BUSES BUILT ON INTERNATIONAL 3200IM CHASSIS. WHEN THE BUSES ARE USED IN A SEVERE DUTY APPLICATION THE BRAKES CAN OVERHEAT.

Consequence:

IF THE OVERHEATING BECOMES EXCESSIVE, IT COULD RESULT IN A FIRE LOCATED AT THE BRAKE AREA. A FIRE MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR DEATH.

Remedy:

GENERAL COACH IS WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL TO DEFINE THE REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. WHEN THE REMEDY IS IDENTIFIED, OWNERS WILL BE ADVISED TO CONTACT GENERAL COACH TO HAVE REMEDY PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GENERAL COACH AT 1-800-842-0622.

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).

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

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

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after 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, or through the office email at 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