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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
10V-103

SUBJECT: HYDRAULIC BRAKING SYSTEM

DEAR MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, Inc.'s (Navistar) 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:

IC/BE/2010-2011

IC/CE/2010-2011

IC/FE/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-103 **Mfg's Report Date:** March 16, 2010

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,680

Summary:

NAVISTAR HAS NOTIFIED NHTSA ABOUT A DEFECT IN CERTAIN MODEL 2010 AND 2011 IC CE, BE, AND FE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 29, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2010. THE PARKING BRAKE MAY RELEASE IF THE BRAKE SYSTEM ELECTRONIC CONTROL UNIT (ECU) SOFTWARE MISINTERPRETS INPUT SIGNALS GENERATED FROM CYCLING THE IGNITION SWITCH MORE THAN ONCE AT A SPECIFIC FREQUENCY.

Consequence:

RELEASE OF THE PARKING BRAKE MAY CAUSE SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED SHIFT IN VEHICLE POSITION POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL DAMAGE, OR DEATH.

Remedy:

NAVISTAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND WILL REPAIR THE BUSES BY REPROGRAMMING THE VEHICLE'S BRAKE SYSTEM ECU FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MAY 7, 2010. OWNER MAY CONTACT NAVISTAR 1-260-461-1890.

Notes:

NAVISTAR'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 10505. 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 except for the following items:

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 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 the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Please note that we have separated your report into two recall files. This has been done because beginning in 2010, RMD will closely monitor the completion of school bus recalls and must be able to create analysis of school bus recall data. You will also be required to file separate quarterly status reports for the school bus population under the

applicable recall number. We trust that this does not present an insurmountable task for you and that you appreciate the need to ensure that school bus recalls are completed promptly. If you have any questions about this policy, please feel free to call me at (202) 366-5210.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Person".

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