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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
10V-217

SUBJECT: SEAT BACK FRAME TUBE

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 noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection," for which a safety recall campaign 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 BUS/CE/2011
IC BUS/RE/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-217 **Mfg's Report Date:** May 19, 2010

Components: SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 129

Summary:

NAVISTAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 IC CE AND RE MODEL SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM FEBRUARY 22 THROUGH MARCH 16, 2010 EQUIPPED WITH PASSENGER FLIP SEATS. THE WELD THAT RETAINS A REINFORCEMENT ROD INSIDE THE SEAT BACK FRAME TUBE MAY FAIL ALLOWING THE ROD TO FALL OUT OF THE FRAME. THE SEATS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 222, "SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER SEATING AND CRASH PROTECTION."

Consequence:

WITHOUT THE REINFORCEMENT ROD, THE STRENGTH OF THE SEAT MAY BE COMPROMISED, INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH IN THE EVENT OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

NAVISTAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE SEATS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JUNE 16, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NAVISTAR AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

NAVISTAR'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 10507. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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

We have received Navistar's proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

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