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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
10V-256

SUBJECT: WHEEL CHAIR LIFT/INTERLOCK BELT

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/2009-2011
IC/CE/2009-2011
IC/FE/2009-2011
IC/RE/2009-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-256 **Mfg's Report Date:** June 11, 2010

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,492

Summary:

NAVISTAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2011 IC CE, FE, RE, AND BE MODEL SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 10, 2007 THROUGH JANUARY 12, 2010 AND FITTED WITH RICON PUBLIC USE LIFTS. THE RESTRAINT BELT ON THESE LIFTS WAS DESIGNED TO PREVENT THE LIFT FROM MOVING, UNLESS THE TONGUE OF THE BELT IS FULLY ENGAGED AND LATCHED IN THE BUCKLE. RICON HAS DISCOVERED, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE OPERATOR TO INSERT THE BELT TONGUE INTO THE BUCKLE WITHOUT FULLY ENGAGING

THE LATCHING MECHANISM. IN THIS CASE, THE RESTRAINT BELT WOULD APPEAR TO BE LATCHED, AND THE OPERATOR COULD RUN THE LIFT. IF THE RESTRAINT BELT TONGUE IS NOT FULLY ENGAGED INTO THE RESTRAINT BELT BUCKLE, AND LATCHED, THE LIFT MAY OPERATE WITH AN OCCUPANT ON THE PLATFORM.

Consequence:

THE USER OF THE LIFT COULD BE INJURED SHOULD THE LIFT MOVE WITHOUT THE RESTRAINT BELT PROPERLY BUCKLED.

Remedy:

NAVISTAR IS WORKING WITH RICON AND RICON WILL BE PERFORMING THE REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. PLEASE SEE RICON'S DEFECT REPORT 09E-060. RICON WILL PROVIDE CUSTOMERS WITH A WARNING DECAL AND A DVD-BASED TRAINING AID. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT RICON AT 1-818-267-3000 OR NAVISTAR AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

NAVISTAR'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 10509. 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