



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
10V-441

**SUBJECT: LED SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM LIGHTS INOPERATIVE**

**DEAR MR. HIEBERT:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Collins Bus Corporation's (Collins) 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:**

COLLINS/GRAND BANTAM/2008-2009  
COLLINS/SUPER BANTAM/2008-2009  
MID BUS/GRAND GUIDE/2008-2009  
MID BUS/SUPER GUIDE/2008-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-441      **Mfg's Report Date:** September 22, 2010

**Components:** OTHER:SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 210

**Summary:**

COLLINS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008 AND 2009 SUPER BANTAM AND GRAND BANTAM AND MID BUS SUPER GUIDE AND GRAND GUIDE SCHOOL BUSES BUILT ON FORD AND CHEVROLET PLATFORMS FROM MARCH 31, 2008 THROUGH JULY 31, 2009, EQUIPPED WITH SPECIALTY MANUFACTURING, INC. (SMI) 000290 LED LIGHT KITS. A CHANGE TO THE

WIRE USED IN THE LED LIGHT KITS MAY REDUCE THE EFFECTIVE LIFE OF THE LIGHTS USED ON THE STOP ARMS. THE LIGHTS MAY STOP FUNCTIONING WITHOUT WARNING.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THE LED LIGHTS STOP FUNCTIONING, VISIBILITY OF A STOPPED BUS WOULD BE DECREASED, INCREASING THE RISK THAT A CHILD OR OTHER PEDESTRIAN WITHIN VICINITY OF THE STOPPED BUS COULD BE STRUCK BY A PASSING VEHICLE.

**Remedy:**

COLLINS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND LIGHT KITS WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 11, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COLLINS TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-533-1850.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-423 (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 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).

Your contacts for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement