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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-632

SUBJECT: EATON HYDRAULIC MANIFOLD

DEAR MR. ALLEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge North American Bus Industries, Inc.'s (NABI) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described 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:

NABI/BRT/2006-2010
NABI/CLFW/2006-2010
NABI/LFW/2006-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-632

Mfg's Report Date: December 9, 2010

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: EXHAUST SYSTEM:
MANIFOLD/HEADER/MUFFLER/TAIL PIPE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 811

Summary:

NABI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2006-2011 LFW, CLFW, AND BRT TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 1, 2006, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2010, AND EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN EATON HYDRAULIC FAN DRIVER CONTROL MANIFOLDS WHICH MAY DEVELOP A HYDRAULIC LEAK OF POWER STEERING FLUID.

CONSEQUENCE:

A LEAK OF POWER STEERING FLUID CAN RESULT IN A LOSS OF POWER STEERING ASSIST, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH. ALSO, A LEAK OF THIS FLUID COULD CAUSE AN ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE.

Remedy:

NABI WILL INSPECT AND REPAIR THE VEHICLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NABI CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-256-831-4296.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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 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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report 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 "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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