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Daniel C. Smith, Esq.
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Subject: NABI Safety Recall #20095

Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is a Vehicle Defect Initial Information Report, which is being submitted by North American Bus Industries, Inc. pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall.

Very truly yours,

North American Bus Industries, Inc. (NABI)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan C. Allen".

Dan C. Allen
Chief Engineer Product Design

Enclosures

NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES (NABI)

VEHICLE DEFECT
INITIAL INFORMATION REPORT

Date: January 04, 2010

NABI Recall No. 20101

MAKE	MODEL	MODEL YEAR	NUMBER OF VEHICLES	MANUFACTURED DATES FROM THROUGH	OTHER IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO DESCRIBE VEHICLE
NABI	416	2009	226	10/30/2008 12/18/2009	NABI Standard Floor City Transit Buses.

Total Number of Vehicles: 226

Percent Potentially Containing Defect: 100%

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DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT: A steel mounting plate, to which the steering gear is bolted, may not be properly welded.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY: The insufficient weld could lead to a separation or partial separation of the plate and cause the driver to lose proper steering control of the vehicle, resulting in an accident.

1) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF DEFECT:

- On or about December 17, 2009 NABI field service personnel became aware of one bus that had insufficient weld on the steering gear mounting plate.
- All buses with this configuration are owned by a single transit property.
- NABI initiated an investigation and inspection of the customer bus fleet.
- NABI has had no reports of any vehicle accident or injuries associated with this issue.
- On December 21, 2009, as a precaution, NABI decided to initiate a formal recall to inspect and add welds to this plate.

2) REMEDY EXPENSE: NABI will inspect and repair of the vehicles free of charge.

3) EARLIEST DATE TO BE REMEDIED: January 2010.

4) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: There will be no public announcement.

5) OWNER LETTER: Draft notification letter is included for review and approval by NHTSA.