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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: General Coach America
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

General Coach has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the buses listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following buses manufactured by General Coach.

<u>Models</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
EZ-Trans	2003 – 2010
IC – LC	2006 – 2010

These buses were manufactured by General Coach from July 2003 until February 2010. These buses were built on International 3200IM chassis. The total number of buses subject to this recall campaign is 403. Approximately 15% of the vehicles are estimated to contain the defect.

- B. Description of Defect. When the above listed buses are used in a severe duty application, such as buses in heavy transit use, there can be overheating of the brakes. If the overheating becomes excessive, it could result in a fire located at the brake area. A fire may result in personal injury, property damage, or death.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. General Coach was notified by one customer of the elevated brake temperatures. The elevated brake temperatures led to several incidents resulting in property damage to the buses. No incidents of personal injury have been reported to date.
- D. Remedying of Defect. Currently, General Coach is working with International to define the remedy for this defect. When the remedy is identified, the owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact General Coach. The remedy will be done at no charge to the owners of the bus.

- E. Supplier Information:
International Truck and Engine – Warrenville, IL
Contact – Richard Van Laar – 260-461-1890
- F. Owner Notifications. General Coach will contact the owners of the affected buses and instruct them on how to get their bus repaired. A copy of the owner's letter will be forwarded for approval when it is ready for distribution.
- G. Dealer Notification General Coach will notify all of its dealers of the recall and provide them instructions on how to remedy the recall. The dealer's letter will be forwarded for approval when it is ready for distribution.
- H. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. General Coach will file quarterly reports as required.
- I. Campaign Number. General Coach does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. General Coach will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of General Coach with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of General Coach in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363 or General Coach at 810-724-6474.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager