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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington D.C. 20590Subject: Defect Information Report (Initial)
Navistar Campaign 10507

Dear Associate Administrator:

This defect information report is submitted pursuant to Part 573.6(a).

(1) MANUFACTURER'S NAME [Part 573.6(c)(1)]

- Navistar, Inc on behalf of IC Bus, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary.

(2) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6(c)(2)]

- Vehicle Make / Model / Model Year Involved:
 - School Buses:
 - IC Bus / CE / 2011
 - IC Bus / RE / 2011
 - Non School Buses:
 - IC Bus / CE / 2011
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 2/22/10 thru 3/16/10
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Equipped with passenger flip seat feature codes 48UAH or 48UAU.

(3) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6(c)(2)(iv)]

- This report relates to a component manufactured by Hickory Springs Manufacturing. Contact information is:

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(4) VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]

- School Buses:

Model	Number of Suspect Vehicles		
	United States	Canada	Export
CE	121	0	0
RE	8	0	0
Total Vehicles	129	0	0

- Non School Buses:

Model	Number of Suspect Vehicles		
	United States	Canada	Export
CE	2	0	0
Total Vehicles	2	0	0

(5) PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN THE DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]

- It is estimated that all (100%) of the vehicles in suspect population could have the defect.

(6) DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]

- The weld that retains a reinforcement rod inside the seat back frame tube may fail allowing the rod to fall out of the frame.
- Without the reinforcement rod the strength of the seat may be compromised possibly increasing the risk of property damage, personal injury, or death in the event of a crash.

(7) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]

- 3/30/10 – A bus dealer notified Customer Service of one incident of the seat back reinforcement rod falling out of the back of a flip seat frame.

- 4/7/10 thru 5/7/10 – A Navistar, IC Bus, and Hickory Spring Manufacturing technical team held periodic meetings to determine the extent of the issue. Their investigations determined:
 - The root cause of the issue was an improper reinforcement rod retention weld.
 - The suspect vehicle population based on the start and end dates of the presence of the improper weld in manufacturing.
 - The seat, when properly manufactured with the reinforcement rod, complies with all the requirements of FMVSS 222 School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection.
 - The seat, without the reinforcement rod properly in place, may not comply with the permissible deflection requirements of FMVSS 222 S5.1.3 and S5.1.4.
- 5/12/10 – Navistar declares a safety recall.

(8) PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]

- The remedy will involve an inspection of the reinforcement rod retaining weld and possible replacement of the seat frame if the weld is determined to be inadequate.

(9) PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]

- No plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies is needed as all the vehicles are within their original warranty period.

(10) SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)]

- It is estimated that the owner notification letter will be mailed by July 16, 2010.

(11) MANUFACTURER'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]

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The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Sincerely,



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Navistar, Inc.

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