



June 25, 2010

Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 7th Street, S.W. Suite 5319  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Collins Bus Corporation is submitting information relating to a safety recall we are conducting. Specific information is as follows:

**573.6(c)(1) Vehicles affected are manufactured by:**

Collins Bus Corporation, a division of Collins Industries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2946  
Hutchinson, Kansas 67504-2946

**573.6(c)(2) The following vehicle in question are:**

Certain Collins Bus 2010 model year Grand Bantam and Super Bantam buses built between 10/5/2009 and 1/4/2010 with certain lap shoulder belt school bus seats manufactured by IMMI.

**573.6(c)(3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is:**

Total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 12. 7 of these vehicles are in the possession of end users. 5 vehicles are in the possession of Collins Bus distributors awaiting delivery to end-users.

**573.6(c)(4) The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles to contain the defect is:**

Zero. As will be noted in section 573.6(c)(6), all affected units have been repaired by IMMI and believed to no longer contain this defect.

**573.6(c)(5) Description of the defect:**

IMMI has discovered that the seat cushion retention locking mechanism in certain of its school bus seats can be misaligned. If the mechanism is misaligned, the seat will not meet the new seat cushion retention requirements specified in S5.1.5 of FMVSS No.222.

**573.6(c)(6) The following is a summary of all the events that were the basis for determining the defect.**

On or before February 11, 2010, IMMI notified Collins Bus Corporation that it had supplied Collins Bus with seats that were not compliant with certain aspects of FMVSS 222. From the supplied information Collins Bus was able to determine that 12 vehicles had been produced with the suspect seats. At that time IMMI agreed to repair all affected seats on Collins Bus's behalf. This repair process began around this time, including a trip by IMMI to the Collins Bus manufacturing facility in South Hutchinson, Kansas on February 15, 2010.

As of April 9, 2010, All units except one had been repaired by IMMI. As of June 3, 2010, all vehicle with the potential defect have been repaired.

No previous warranty claims or reports of damage due to this defect exist. This is a proactive safety recall campaign.

**573.6(c)(7) Test results or data:**

This defect is a result of an error in the manufacturing process of seats provided by IMMI. Collins Bus is not aware of any test data that describes this defect.

**573.6(c)(8)(i) The defect will be corrected as follows:**

As noted in section 573-6(c)(6), this defect has been repaired in all affected units. No further correction is required.

**573.6(c)(8)(ii) Correspondence to notify Collins Bus Corporation distributors and Customers of the safety recall:**

No further Correspondence with Collins Bus distributors or customers is required in this matter.

**573.6(c)(11)**

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Sincerely,

**COLLINS BUS CORPORATION**



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