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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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) Vehicle manufacturer:

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

573.6(c)(2) Vehicle models involved in the recall:

The type of buses involved could be the Collins Bus Corporation (CBC) Bantam, Super Bantam, and Grand Bantam buses built on Ford and Chevrolet Cutaway chassis. The build dates for this potential recall have not yet been established.

573.6(c)(3) The total number of vehicles involved in this recall:

The number of vehicles involved in this potential recall has not yet been established

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

Since the build dates of the vehicles that may be involved has not been determined and the exact cause of the defect has not been determined, Collins Bus does not know at this time what percentage of the total number of potential vehicles to contain the defect is.

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

NHTSA alerted Collins Bus Corp that they had performed a FMVSS 222 Rearward push test on a standard 39" three passenger seat, which was mounted in a Collins Bus that NHTSA was auditing. The testing of the seat failed because it exceeded the maximum applied force level before it was able to absorb the required amount of energy when pushed in the rearward direction. This defect in the event of an accident may cause the seat not to absorb the prescribed amount of energy should the bus be hit in the rear end.

573.6(c)(6) Summary of all the events that were the basis for determining the defect:

In April of 2010 Collins received a letter from NHTSA stating that the FMVSS 222 Rearward Push test had been performed on a 39" Collins Seat mounted in a Collins bus body that NHTSA was auditing. The test was performed on May 11, 2009. The testing indicated that the seat exceeded the maximum applied force level before absorbing the prescribed amount of energy required by the FMVSS 222 specification. Collins responded to NHTSA's request for information about the seat and its design/implementation and Collins requested more original test data in Collins letter to NHTSA dated April 29, 2010.

Upon Collins review of the additional test data provided by NHTSA it was unclear as to the means of failure of the seat. Collins made further request to NHTSA in a letter dated June 2, 2010, primarily asking for tube material from the seat in question and asking to allow Collins personnel to examine the seats at NHTSA's test facility (MGA Research Lab). CBC Engineering Manager went to MGA in June and looked at the seat that had been tested and the bus body it was tested in. CBC was able to come across the test video for review. At that time CBC asked to have the seats or tubing portions of them sent to Collins Bus for material testing to assure the tubing used met Collins specifications.

After the review at MGA by CBC Engineering and discussions with NHTSA it was decided by Collins Bus Corp that a report complying with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports be submitted to NHTSA for their information and Collins Bus action.

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

Until the exact mode of failure is determined a method of fixing the defect has not been developed. This information will be forthcoming.

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

Mailing of Customer and Distributor notification letters is not scheduled at this time.

573.6(c)(11)

Collins Bus Corporation will use the campaign identification number assigned by NHTSA.

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Sincerely,
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