



June 24, 2010

"SAFETY RECALL NOTICE"
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
RECALL NO: 10V-277

Attention TCI Dealer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. No. 577.13, "*Notification to dealers and distributors*".

Transportation Collaborative Inc on behalf of US Bus Corporation has decided that a noncompliance exists on certain 2007 STH5, STHF5 and Universe, US BUS Corporation School Bus Models equipped with 33 ½" Freedman Seating Co. School Bus Seats, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210 "*Seat belt assembly and anchorages*".

The noncompliance involves FMVS 210 "*Seat belt assembly and anchorage*" paragraphs S4.2.1, which requires that "**the anchorages, attachment hardware, and attachment bolts for any of the following seat belt assemblies shall withstand a 5,000 pound force when tested in accordance with S5.1 of this standard**". Specifically, the maximum loads achieved during the test were 4,828lbs at the left position and 4,809 at the right position; which does not meet the requirements as stated in the regulation.

In the event of a vehicle collision, the seat pedestal could detach from the floor anchorage; this could result in personal injury to the occupant.

There is no warning which would precede a seat attachment failure, physical inspection is required. All models indicated by this notice are presumed to be noncompliant with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210 and must be repaired.

Transportation Collaborative Inc. on behalf of US Bus Corporation will affect repairs to your vehicle by replacement of the incorrect floor anchorage washer, a type A steel 3/8" flat washer Transportation Collaborative Inc. part number 500135 with a 7/16" steel washer with a Transportation Collaborative Inc. part number of 544066.

The expected out of service time necessary to affect repairs is .30 hours per seat, however this may vary due to dealer service scheduling requirements.



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Transportation Collaborative Inc on behalf of US Bus Corporation will arrange and assist customers with locating authorized dealers and will supply any parts needed for the owners of all the affected vehicles, at no cost.

In order to ensure that all vehicles that are subject to the recall are corrected, Transportation Collaborative Inc on behalf of US Bus Corp will perform the following actions:

- Transportation Collaborative Inc on behalf of US Bus Corp will notify the appropriate customers and advise them to inspect their vehicle(s).
- Transportation Collaborative Inc on behalf of US Bus Corp will further request a reply from those customers indicating whether their vehicle is affected or not.

Also enclosed with this letter are copies of the information that will be sent to each customer. Should you have any vehicles in your stock that require the recall service work, please make certain that these vehicles are corrected. As per Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 577.13 which states that it is a, *“violation of Federal Law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used (including tire) covered by the notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied”*.

If you have any questions about this recall please call Transportation Collaborative Inc. Customer Service at 1-845-988-0419.

Sincerely,

Jose Vazquez

Transportation Collaborative Inc.

