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**DEFECT NOTIFICATION (Part 577) – RECTIFICATION
NHTSA REF # 10V-324 (NOVA BUS)**

This Defect Notification is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Nova Bus has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in Nova LFS buses equipped with the V-BEA multiplexing system and an ATC (Automatic Traction Control) system.

On vehicles targeted by this campaign, there may be interference between the V-BEA multiplex communication network and the ATC system. The ATC system may inadvertently activate whenever the parking brake or the brake interlock is applied, since the vehicle's multiplex program did not correctly send the parking brake or interlock signal to the ATC system. The ATC system could then interpret this situation as wheel spin, subsequently applying and releasing the applied brakes. The vehicle could then move unexpectedly. In such a situation, the vehicle might become involved in an accident, causing personal injury to persons inside the vehicle (operator and passengers), as well as persons outside the vehicle (drivers, pedestrians, etc.)

Vehicles targeted by this notification can be identified by their vehicle identification number (VIN). A list of the targeted VINs is annexed at the end of this document.

To correct this situation, Nova Bus proposes to reprogram the V-BEA multiplexing system and the Cummins electronic control module of targeted vehicles. The labor time necessary to perform this procedure is approximately 30 minutes. The replacement procedure is included in document CR1505A. This document will shortly be available to you on our Internet site by accessing our [On-line Services](#). The necessary program revisions will be distributed via your Nova Bus after-sales service representative. Nova Bus will assume the entire costs of labor, which will be reimbursed according to warranty conditions in effect.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements of this campaign, please contact your local Nova Bus after-sales service representative.

After contacting your service representative, if you are still not able to have a safety defect remedied without charge and within reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administer, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, or call 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Sincerely,

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