



CHAMPION BUS, INC.

Thor Industries Commercial Bus Division

Safety Recall Notice *International Defender, Challenger*

Dear Customer:

This **Safety Recall Notice** is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the United States National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Act and is important for your safety.

Champion decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain *International Defender and Challenger buses* manufactured between October 2004 and February 2010. Other bus models manufactured by Champion during this time period are not included in this recall.

Vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with Trans Air TA 73 evaporators. The evaporator utilizes a power resistor to regulate blower speed. Should a short occur in the "low or medium speed" circuit while the blower is in high speed, the short will cause the supply voltage to feedback through the resistor to ground, not drawing enough current to trip the fuse, but causing the resistor temperature to rise to a point where it will melt and possibly ignite the plastic blower housing to which it is mounted. The overheating can result in a fire.

What We Will Do

Champion in cooperation with Trans Air will install a thermal shutdown device in series with the speed resistors. The repair will be done at no cost to you.

What You Should Do

You are to contact the nearest Champion dealer or repair facility to schedule an immediate inspection of your bus. You may also contact Champion at 810-724-6474 or Trans Air directly at 1-800-673-2446.



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Notifications

We have notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and transport Canada of this recall and the procedures involved. Should Champion fail or be unable to correct the defect without charge, you may write to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to lessee within 10 days.

We are sorry to cause this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our travel trailers.

Sincerely,

Dick Cutcher
Service and Parts Manager

Re: NHTSA Recall No. 10V-596
Transport Canada Recall No. 2010-417