



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
11V-427

**SUBJECT: POSITIVE ALTERNATOR CABLE**

**DEAR MR. VAN LAAR:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, Inc.'s (Navistar) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:** IC/BE/2007-2012  
IC/CE/2007-2012

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 17, 2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-427

**Components:** ELECTRICAL YSTEM:ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATOR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 15,457

**Summary:**

NAVISTAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007-2012 IC CE AND BE SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM JUNE 27, 2006, THROUGH MARCH 23, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH A MAXXFORCE 7 ENGINE. THE POSITIVE ALTERNATOR CABLE MAY RUB ON THE ENGINE CONTROL MODULE MOUNTING BRACKET, POSSIBLY CHAFFING ITS INSULATION AND CAUSING AN ELECTRICAL SHORT.

**Consequence:**

AN ELECTRICAL SHORT MAY CAUSE A VEHICLE FIRE POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

NAVISTAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE, IF NECESSARY, THE ALTERNATOR CABLE AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE TIE STRAPS TO ROUTE THE ALTERNATOR CABLE AWAY FROM THE ENGINE CONTROL MODULE MOUNTING BRACKET. REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 23, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NAVISTAR AT 1-800-448-7825.

**Notes:**

NAVISTAR'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 11518. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the following additional information:

We have received Navistar's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ric Willard  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement