



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

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NVS-215kjs  
11V-444

**SUBJECT: V-BAND CLAMP ASSEMBLY/CUMMINS**

DEAR MR. ALLEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge North American Bus Industries' (NABI), 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:**  
NABI/416/2010-2011

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 18, 2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-444

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 87

**Summary:**

NORTH AMERICAN BUS INDUSTRIES (NABI) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 416 TRANSIT BUSES MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH A CUMMINS ISL DIESEL ENGINE. THE V-BAND CLAMP ASSEMBLY, PART NUMBERS Q187684, Q187685, AND Q187686, USED TO CONNECT THE INLET AND OUTLET CONE SECTIONS TO THE DIESEL OXIDATION CATALYST (DOC)/DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER (DPF) INCLUDE A T-BOLT WHICH CAN FRACTURE AND FAIL WHEN SUBJECTED TO STRESS OR LOAD. A FRACTURE OR FAILURE OF THE T-BOLT MAY CAUSE THE CLAMP TO LOOSEN AND THE INLET OR OUTLET SECTIONS ATTACHED TO THE DOC/DPF HOUSING TO DISCONNECT.

**Consequence:**

IF THE INLET OR OUTLET SECTIONS DISCONNECT, HOT EXHAUST GASES CAN VENT PRIOR TO EXITING THE TAILPIPE, CREATING THE RISK OF COMBUSTION AND A FIRE. IF BOTH CLAMPS FAIL, THERE IS A RISK IN SOME APPLICATIONS THAT THE DOC/DPF HOUSING MAY DETACH COMPLETELY, CREATING A ROAD HAZARD.

**Remedy:**

NABI IS WORKING WITH CUMMINS TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY OWNERS OF THE RECALL CAMPAIGN. REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY AUTHORIZED CUMMINS DEALERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CUMMINS AT 1-812-377-5000 OR NABI AT 1-256-831-4296.

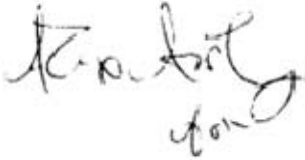
**Notes:**

CUMMINS RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS C1154. NABI'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 20111. 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).

As stated in your report, Cummins will be handling the notification to owners as well as performing remedy and filing quarterly status reports for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Cummins's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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 "Richard Willard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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