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11V-457

SUBJECT: V-BAND CLAMP ASSEMBLY/CUMMINS

DEAR MR. NALEPKA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Motor Coach Industries' (MCI), 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: MCI/E4500/2011
MCI/J4500/2011

Mfg's Report Date: August 26, 2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-457

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Summary:

MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES, INC. (MCI) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 E4500 AND J4500 MOTOR COACHES MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 2010 THROUGH JANUARY 2011, EQUIPPED WITH A CUMMINS ISX 11.9 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:

MCI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY AUTHORIZED CUMMINS DEALERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCI AT 1-800-241-2947 OR CUMMINS AT 1-812-377-5000 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Notes:

MCI'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 364. CUMMINS' RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS C1154. 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).

It is our understanding that Cummins will be performing the remedy for this campaign and MCI will be filing quarterly reports. 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, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement