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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
11V-548

SUBJECT: PENNTEX ALTERNATORS

DEAR MR. NALEPKA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Motor Coach Industries, Inc.'s 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/D4505/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-548

Mfg's Report Date: November 9, 2011

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 112

Summary:

MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES (MCI) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010-2011 D4505 MOTOR COACHES MANUFACTURED FROM MAY 1, 2010, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011. THESE VEHICLES WERE EQUIPPED WITH PENNTEX ALTERNATORS THAT, AS INSTALLED, MAY COLLECT MOISTURE AT THE POWER STUD. THIS MOISTURE MAY RESULT IN CORROSION BUILDUP AT AND AROUND THE POWER STUD BASE.

Consequence:

THIS CORROSION MAY CREATE A SHORT CIRCUIT BETWEEN THE POWER STUD AND THE ALTERNATOR BODY, WHICH IN TURN COULD RESULT IN BURNING OF THE POWER STUD OR THE POWER CABLE END. THIS COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A FIRE. ADDITIONALLY, THE VEHICLE BATTERY COULD DISCHARGE WHICH COULD CAUSE THE VEHICLE TO STALL.

Remedy:

MCI WILL INSPECT AND MODIFY THE ALTERNATOR INSTALLATION FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MCI CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-241-2947.

Notes:

MCI'S SAFETY RECALL NUMBER IS 373. 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

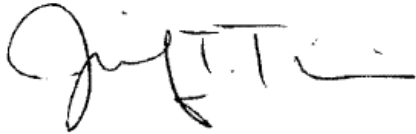
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement