



May 20, 2011

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Collins Bus Corporation is submitting information relating to a safety recall we are conducting. Specific information is as follows:

573.6(c)(1) Vehicle manufacturer:

Collins Bus Corporation, a division of Collins Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 2946
Hutchinson, Kansas 67504-2946

573.6(c)(2) Vehicle models involved in the recall:

The type of buses involved could be the Collins Bus Corporation (CBC) Bantam, Super Bantam, and Grand Bantam buses built on Ford and Chevrolet Cutaway chassis between October 2002 and present.

573.6(c)(3) The total number of vehicles involved in this recall:

The number of vehicles involved in this potential recall is 2,845. The majority of these vehicles are in the possession of end users. Some are in possession of Collins distributors awaiting delivery to end-users.

573.6(c)(4) The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles to contain the defect:

Of the vehicles determined to be involved in the recall 100% of them should contain the defect.

573.6(c)(5) Description of the defect:

The FMVSS 222 Leg Protection Zone impact criteria is not met on some seats. If a seat is equipped with child anchorage system lower anchorages then the area adjacent to these anchorages does not meet the aforementioned impact criteria.

573.6(c)(6) Summary of all the events that were the basis for determining the defect:

On March 29, 2011 Collins Bus Corp (CBC) received an email from Transport Canada stating that they had performed CMVSS 222 testing on a CBC bus and results indicated that some of the impact points on the rear of the seat failed to meet the CMVSS 222 Leg Protection Zone impact criteria. CBC reviewed the limited data received at that point from Transport Canada. CBC requested from Transport Canada on March 30, the actual test curves and data between the impact test locations that failed and those locations that did pass the impact criteria in order to better determine the reason for the failed test. CBC received this information on April 18, 2011.

Though the failure was found doing CMVSS 222 testing, the same criteria are used for FMVSS 222, hence it was decided by Collins Bus Corp that a report complying with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations - Defect and Noncompliance Reports be submitted to NHTSA for their information and Collins Bus action. CBC has determined the cause of the failure and is working to engineer a fix for this issue as well as a field-fix for

buses which will be contained within the recall population. This fix will need to be verified by testing done in a test facility prior to its being released to the affected bus customers.

Collins Bus Corporation will monitor the recall and sample customer and distributor letters prior to their release, CBC will also file the quarterly status reports.

573.6(c)(8)(i) The defect will be corrected as follows:

At this time methods to correct the defect are being examined and will need to be tested to assure they allow the seat to comply with the FMVSS 222 impact criteria, as well as still meet the criteria FMVSS 225 Child Restraint Anchorage Systems if affected by the defect correction method.

573.6(c)(8)(ii) Correspondence to notify Collins Bus Corporation distributors and Customers of the safety recall:

Mailing of Customer and Distributor notification letters is not scheduled at this time.

573.6(c)(11)

Collins Bus Corporation will use the campaign identification number assigned by NHTSA.

Should you need further information, my contact information is as follows:

Phone: 620-662-9000 or 800-533-1850 X424
Fax: 620-662-8484
E-mail: ginger.markus@collinsbus.com
Mailing Address: Collins Bus Corporation
P.O. Box 2946
Hutchinson, KS 67504-2946

Sincerely,
COLLINS BUS CORPORATION

Ginger Markus
Warranty/Customer Service