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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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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) Vehicles affected are manufactured by:

Collins Bus Corporation, a division of Allied Specialty Vehicles, Inc.
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573.6(c)(2) The following vehicle models are being recalled:

Collins Bus models manufactured with the Carrier Transicold GEN V EM-1 Evaporator units (Collins part number 427413) with a Delphi Corporation Pack-Con III fuse holder. The EM-1 unit Carrier part numbers 77-62112-XX and 77-62512-XX manufactured between January 2006 and December 2010, starting with serial number KNT90890232 ending with serial number NNE912230058. This information has previously been submitted by Carrier Corporation under Recall #11E-003. Collins Bus was notified on 10-6-2011. The potential Collins units affected are Bantam, Grand Bantam and Super Bantam buses built on Ford and Chevrolet Cutaway chassis manufactured August 23, 2006 through February 1, 2008.

573.6(c)(3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is:

Total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 11. All of these vehicles are in the possession of end users.

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

The population stated in section 573.6(c)(3) represents Collins units built from August 23, 2006 through February 1, 2008 with the potentially defective evaporators. For the serial number population mentioned in section 573.6(c)(2) all vehicles may exhibit the condition with time, temperature and/or vibration.

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

Per Carrier communication, the fuse may loosen in the fuse holder resulting in high resistance and arcing with time, temperature, and/or vibration. If sufficient arcing occurs, the fuse holder may melt or ignite possibly causing smoke or flame to propagate within the EM-1 Unit.

573.6(c)(6) The following is a summary of all the events that were the basis for determining the defect.

Collins Bus was notified by Carrier Transicold of the recall on the evaporator fuse assembly defect based upon Carrier's investigation.

573.6(c)(7) Test results or data:

Carrier has conducted root cause analysis it was determined that the fuse holder used between August 23, 2006 and February 1, 2008 was not robust enough to prevent relaxation of the fuse holder contacts. Carrier and its supplier of the motor assembly have procured a new fuse holder of a more robust design, not subject to the same issues as the Delphi Pack-Con III fuse holders.

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

The customers will inspect their evaporator assembly to ensure it is part of the serial numbers being retrofitted. A retrofit kit composed of a new fuse holder configuration, inclusive of a fuse, connectors, and complete installation instructions will be provided by Carrier for each EM-1 evaporator assembly included in the recall. The customer will contact Carrier directly to obtain retrofit kits. Retrofit kit replacement will be made to assure compliance to the defects noted in section 573.6(c)(5).

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 scheduled to be completed by October 28, 2011.

573.6(c)(10)

Attached is a copy of the proposed Owners Notification Letter and Owner Response Postcard that Collins Bus Corporation will send to the vehicle owners.

573.6(c)(11)

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

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Sincerely,
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