



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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GINGER MARKUS
WARRANTY COORDINATOR
COLLINS BUS CORPORATION
415 WEST 6TH
SOUTH HUTCHINSON, KS 67505

NVS-215KS
12V-387

Subject: Brake Line Position

Dear GINGER MARKUS:

This letter serves to acknowledge COLLINS BUS CORPORATION's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

COLLINS/DE/2012
COLLINS/DH/2012
COLLINS/SH/2012
COLLINS/SL/2012
CORBEIL/DE/2012
CORBEIL/DH/2012
CORBEIL/SH/2012
CORBEIL/SL/2012
MID-BUS/DE/2012
MID-BUS/DH/2012
MID-BUS/SH/2012
MID-BUS/SL/2012

Mfr's Report Date: July 27, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-387

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 282

Problem Description:

Collins is recalling certain model year 2012 Collins, Corbeil and Mid Bus brand SL, SH, DH, and DE school and multi-function school activity buses manufactured from March 12, 2012, through July 13, 2012. The metal hydraulic service brake line feeding the RH rear service brake assembly may interfere with a body mount assembly. The location of this interference is at the first body mount location directly ahead of the rear axle and on the inboard side of the passenger side frame rail.

Consequence:

This interference could cause a rupture in the brake line, leading to the loss of brake fluid and failure of the brakes, potentially leading to a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Collins will notify owners, and dealers will repair the buses free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on, or about, August 15, 2012. Owners may contact Collins at 1-800-533-1850.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Collins' proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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