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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington D.C. 2059012V-476  
3 (pages) - Initial reportSubject: Defect Information Report (Initial)  
Navistar Campaign 12523

Dear Associate Administrator:

This defect information report is submitted pursuant to Part 573.6(a).

*(1) MANUFACTURER'S NAME [Part 573.6(c)(1)]*

- Navistar, Inc. on behalf of IC Bus, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary.

*(2) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6(c)(2)]*

- Vehicle Type / Make / Model / Model Year Involved:
  - Certain IC school buses. Bus models and model years are still being determined and will be provided at a later date.
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
  - The manufacturing date range will be provided at a later date.
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
  - Equipped with certain 2005 through 2008 model year I-6 engines.
  - Equipped with certain engines within feature codes 12NPL, 12NPM, 12NPN, 12NPR, 12NPS, 12NPT, 12NPU, 12NPV, 12NSA, 12NSG, 12NSK, 12NSL, 12NSM, 12NSV, 12NSZ, 12NTB, 12NUA, 12NUB, 12NUC, 12NUD.

*(3) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6(c)(2)(iv)]*

- This report relates to a defect in a vehicle level assembly controlled by Navistar, Inc.

*(4) VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6(c)(3)]*

- The suspect vehicle population will be provided at a later date.

*(5) PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN THE DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]*

- It is estimated that 15% of the vehicles in suspect population could have the defect.

*(6) DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*

- The high pressure oil line on certain 2005 through 2008 model year I-6 engines may develop a leak or possibly rupture. A leak or rupture of the high pressure oil line could possibly result in an unexpected engine stall or in rare cases may result in a fire.
- In bus applications the combination of the following factors may collectively result in an unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety: the potential for engine shut down without warning, a remote chance of fire in the engine compartment, and evacuation concerns relating to people transport.

*(7) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]*

- 8/2/2012 – Navistar receives inquiry questionnaire from NHTSA regarding the high pressure oil line on 2008 model year International CE school buses.
- 8/15/2012 – Product Quality, Compliance and Product Engineering met to determine data search necessary to prepare Navistar response to NHTSA. During this process a number of reports of engine shut down were found in the warranty data. There was one report of fire in the engine compartment.
- 8/31/2012 – Navistar submits inquiry response to NHTSA indicating that based on the data reviewed Navistar would be opening its own investigation.
- 9/5/2012 – Product Quality, Compliance and Engineering met to determine scope, root cause, and severity of a leak or burst in the high pressure oil line.
- 9/12/2012 – Navistar declares a safety recall.

*(8) PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*

- The remedy will involve replacement of the high pressure oil line.

*(9) PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- Navistar's plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 1/5/09, applies and instructions will be included in the customer notification.

*(10) SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)]*

- The schedule for recall notification is based on the determination of bus models and the availability of repair parts which cannot be determined at this time. However, a plan to mail an interim owner notification letter may be developed if the final remedy will not be available before 11/12/2012.

*(11) MANUFACTURER'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]*

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The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (331) 332-1590.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. L. Van Laar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

R. L. Van Laar  
Compliance Manager  
Navistar, Inc.

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